

# EXHIBIT “A”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**FELISHATAY ALVARADO**

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**Case:** FELISHATAY ALVARADO v. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et. :  
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2 (It was stipulated by and between  
3 counsel that signing, sealing,  
4 certification and filing be waived; and  
5 that all objections, except as to the  
6 form of the question, be reserved until  
7 the time of trial.)  
8 ---  
9 MR. WEST: We have a mutual  
10 agreement, but we'll reserve all  
11 objections other than objections to the  
12 form of the question until the time of  
13 trial. Great.  
14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's good to  
15 hear.  
16 ---  
17 . . . FELISHATAY ALVARADO, having been  
18 duly sworn, as a witness, was examined  
19 and testified as follows . . .  
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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Alvarado. We

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1 were introduced off the record, but I'll just say  
2 again my name is Adam Zurbriggen. I represent the  
3 City of Philadelphia and the other defendant  
4 individual police officers in this case.

5 Have you ever given a civil  
6 deposition before?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. I'm going to go over just a  
9 few ground rules just to let you know how things  
10 are going to go. First of all, because there's a  
11 court reporter here taking down everything that we  
12 say, even though in a normal conversation we might  
13 not verbalize our answers, we might respond uh-huh  
14 or un-unh or shake the head, I need you here, if  
15 you would, please to verbalize all of your answers  
16 yes or no.

17 Is that okay?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And often times I will ask a  
20 question that may be very long and not  
21 comprehensible. I do that all the time. So,  
22 please, if you don't understand anything I ask,  
23 feel free, 100 percent free, to say I don't  
24 understand, could you please restate the question.

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1 Is that understood and okay?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Also, because the court  
4 reporter is taking down everything that we say  
5 today, it's very important that we not speak over  
6 each other. So I might be asking a question and  
7 you kind of know where I'm starting to go, but,  
8 please, if you would, just let me get my entire  
9 question out before you start your answer. And  
10 I'll try to do the same for you to make sure even  
11 if I think I know what your answer is, not to  
12 interrupt your answer and let you give your full  
13 answer.

14 In addition, your counsel may have  
15 an objection. So if you wouldn't mind, just  
16 slightly pause after I finish my question so that  
17 your counsel can object.

18 Is that okay?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. And I'm going to try and not  
21 go very long today and get you out of here as  
22 quick as possible. But if you need a break at any  
23 time, please don't hesitate to say can we take a  
24 break. The only thing I'd ask is if I have a

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1 question to you already pending, if you would just  
2 answer before we take any break.

3 Is that all right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And then, also, I know a lot of the  
6 issues you and I talk about today are sensitive  
7 and can be upsetting. I apologize about that in  
8 advance. I really promise I don't want to make  
9 you uncomfortable in any way. So if you need to  
10 take a break or pause, that's completely fine. I  
11 want you to be comfortable. Okay?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And, finally, and I don't mean to  
14 imply anything by this, but it's just something I  
15 have to ask.

16 Are you under the influence of any  
17 medication or is there any other reason why you  
18 can't testify truthfully today?

19 A. No.

20 Q. All right. Ms. Alvarado, what's  
21 your current date of birth?

22 I'm sorry, not your current.

23 What is your date of birth?

24 A. 12-1-89.

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1 Q. 12-1-89.

2 Your sister's name is Yara  
3 Alvarado?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And she's your legal guardian; if  
6 you know?

7 A. No.

8 Q. To your knowledge, do you have a  
9 legal guardian?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And you have not ever been  
12 employed; is that correct?

13 A. No.

14 Q. You have been employed before.  
15 What was the last time you were  
16 employed?

17 A. I currently have a job now.

18 Q. Okay. What's your current job?

19 A. Home health aide.

20 Q. You're a home health aide?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you work for a specific company?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What's the name of that company?



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1 A. Fox Chase.  
 2 Q. Fox Chase.  
 3 And how long have you been employed  
 4 as a home health aide at Fox Chase?  
 5 A. Three months.  
 6 Q. Prior to that, had you ever been  
 7 employed?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. What was the last employment that  
 10 you had prior to Fox Chase?  
 11 A. The day of the accident.  
 12 Q. Where were you working the day of  
 13 the -- sorry, let me clarify.  
 14 By accident you're referring to the  
 15 date in June 2021 when your dog was shot?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Thank you.  
 18 And where were you employed that  
 19 day?  
 20 A. CRC.  
 21 Q. And do you know what is CRC?  
 22 A. A warehouse.  
 23 Q. And is that in Philadelphia?  
 24 A. It's like Pennsylvania.

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1 Q. But you're not sure what --  
 2 A. I'm not too -- I know it's in  
 3 Philadelphia, but it's like, yeah, Philadelphia.  
 4 Q. Okay. And what did you do at CRC?  
 5 A. Picker.  
 6 Q. I'm sorry, a picker?  
 7 A. A picker.  
 8 Q. And what is a picker?  
 9 A. Where an item will come in and then  
 10 I would have to go get it.  
 11 Q. Okay. How long were you employed  
 12 at CRC?  
 13 A. I think maybe a month.  
 14 Q. And you said that you were employed  
 15 there on the date of the incident?  
 16 A. I was, yeah, but from the whole --  
 17 like, yes, I was.  
 18 Q. Do you recall when you stopped, was  
 19 it a month after the incident?  
 20 A. I got fired.  
 21 Q. Okay. And that was about how long,  
 22 if you know, after the incident was that?  
 23 A. Two weeks.  
 24 Q. Okay. Prior to your working with

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1 CRC, had you been employed before that?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. Okay. Before that, Ms. Alvarado,  
 4 were you on disability?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Have you been on disability at all  
 7 since the incident?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. Are you still currently on  
 10 disability?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Okay. I'll come back to that a  
 13 little bit later. I want to ask you first about  
 14 the apartment, 4664 Torresdale Avenue.  
 15 You were living there on the date  
 16 of the incident, June 4th of 2021; correct?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. And, specifically, you were living  
 19 in a first-floor apartment in that -- at that  
 20 building?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. And you first moved into that  
 23 apartment in March of 2021; is that right?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Where were you living  
 2 immediately prior to moving into that building?  
 3 A. With my sister.  
 4 Q. And do you know your sister's  
 5 address at that time?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. What was that address?  
 8 A. 4723 Torresdale Avenue.  
 9 Q. And that's nearby the building at  
 10 4664 Torresdale; correct?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. About how far?  
 13 A. Diagonally, if I'm standing in  
 14 front of the door I can see her house.  
 15 Q. Okay. One other instruction, I  
 16 guess, I should have given before we started. But  
 17 just to remind, you know, there may be questions I  
 18 ask that might not know or might not know the  
 19 answer to. It's perfectly okay to say I don't  
 20 know the answer. The one kind of exception to  
 21 that is I might ask you to estimate sometimes in  
 22 terms of time, minutes, hours, days or in terms of  
 23 distances, feet. If you can give a reasonable  
 24 estimate, please do, but I don't want you to guess

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1 or speculate. So feel free to say I really don't  
 2 know.  
 3 But going back to the distance  
 4 between your -- and your sister is Yara; right?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. So going back in terms of the  
 7 distance between Yara's residence and 4664  
 8 Torresdale, it was about a few minutes walk; is  
 9 that right?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Okay. How long had you been living  
 12 with Yara before you moved into the apartment at  
 13 4664 Torresdale?  
 14 A. Two months.  
 15 Q. And where were you living prior to  
 16 Yara's apartment before the incident?  
 17 A. In my own apartment.  
 18 Q. And where was that apartment, do  
 19 you remember the address?  
 20 A. Roosevelt Boulevard. It was 4021  
 21 Roosevelt Boulevard.  
 22 Q. And was that an apartment or a  
 23 house?  
 24 A. An apartment.

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1 Q. And how long had you been living  
 2 there, how long did you live there total; if you  
 3 can estimate?  
 4 A. A year.  
 5 Q. Okay. Going back to 4664  
 6 Torresdale, when you moved in there in March of  
 7 2021, did you have a lease agreement with -- for  
 8 that apartment?  
 9 And if you don't know, that's okay.  
 10 A. No.  
 11 Q. And let me ask you. I think I read  
 12 in your Responses to Interrogatories that you had  
 13 assumed a lease from your cousin.  
 14 Does that sound right?  
 15 A. Yes, but it was the same landlord  
 16 that I had in my other apartment.  
 17 Q. So the landlord for 4664 Torresdale  
 18 was the same as your previous apartment.  
 19 Was that the one at 4021 Roosevelt?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. But it's correct that you assumed a  
 22 lease from -- that your cousin had at that  
 23 address?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What's your cousin's name?  
 2 A. Lucy Ortiz.  
 3 Q. And where does Lucy live now, is  
 4 Lucy still in Philadelphia?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Do you know Lucy's address?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. But just to confirm, you don't have  
 9 a copy of your lease agreement when you were at  
 10 4664 Torresdale anymore; correct?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Okay. You mentioned the landlord  
 13 at -- your landlord at 4664 Torresdale.  
 14 Do you recall the landlord's name?  
 15 A. There was -- yes.  
 16 Q. What was -- who was the landlord?  
 17 A. Leo.  
 18 Q. And is that Leo Pajo that you  
 19 identified in the Interrogatory Responses?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. And then you also identified, I  
 22 believe, a Mirela Pajo.  
 23 Do you know Mirela Pajo?  
 24 A. His wife.

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1 Q. Leo's wife.  
 2 Before moving into the apartment at  
 3 4664 Torresdale, did you know Leo and Mirela,  
 4 personally?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. You just knew them as the landlord  
 7 for your previous property?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. When you were at your previous  
 10 property, did you interact with Leo or Mirela at  
 11 all?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. If you needed things at your  
 14 previous property like maintenance or anything,  
 15 did you contact anyone else specifically at that  
 16 previous property?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. Who was that; if you remember?  
 19 A. Arvin.  
 20 Q. And is that Arvin Marroli, the  
 21 person identified in the --  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And Arvin Marroli was also the  
 24 property manager at 4664 Torresdale; correct?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Did you know Arvin Marroli  
 3 personally other than through being a property  
 4 manager for those two properties?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. How did you know Arvin?  
 7 A. He was my landlord for the  
 8 apartment on Roosevelt.  
 9 Q. Okay. And so if you needed  
 10 maintenance or anything else with regards to your  
 11 apartment at 4664 Torresdale, would you contact  
 12 Arvin for that?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. And was that true until you left  
 15 4664 Torresdale or was there anyone else who was  
 16 ever a property manager at that address?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. Okay.  
 19 A. You're asking if Arvin was the  
 20 property manager at that address at 4664?  
 21 Q. I am asking is there any other  
 22 person other than Arvin who was ever your property  
 23 manager at 4664 Torresdale, any other property  
 24 managers at that address?

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1 A. No.  
 2 Q. Okay. Ms. Alvarado, I want to ask  
 3 you about how the property, specifically, the  
 4 front door of 4664 Torresdale, was marked  
 5 specifically at the time that you moved in.  
 6 Do you recall what was on the front  
 7 door when you first moved into 4664 Torresdale  
 8 Avenue in terms of writing?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. What was that?  
 11 A. The address.  
 12 Q. I'm going to show you, and I'm  
 13 going to mark -- I'm going to mark this photograph  
 14 Plaintiff's Exhibit-1.  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And, for the  
 16 record, this is a document Bates Stamped  
 17 D-80. And I've got a copy for you.  
 18 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 19 Q. And, Ms. Alvarado, is this the way  
 20 -- first of all, can you see the writing on the  
 21 front door from this picture of your apartment at  
 22 4664 Torresdale?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Okay. And do you see that it's

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1 marked 4664; do you see that?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Is that the way that it was marked  
 4 when you first moved into 4664 Torresdale in March  
 5 of 2021?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. How was it different?  
 8 A. I put the numbers because it didn't  
 9 have an address.  
 10 Q. So when you first moved in to 4664  
 11 Torresdale in March 2021 those four numbers did  
 12 not appear there?  
 13 A. Not as bold. They were like  
 14 fading, so I --  
 15 Q. I understand.  
 16 So there was the numbers 4664  
 17 there, but they were fading?  
 18 A. Uh-huh, yes.  
 19 Q. And then I want to direct your  
 20 attention to the two white mailboxes just to the  
 21 left of the front door.  
 22 Do you see those, Ms. Alvarado?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Do you recall whether these

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1 mailboxes had markings when you first moved into  
 2 that apartment?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. How were they marked?  
 5 A. The way they are now.  
 6 Q. And that looks like from this  
 7 picture a little one on one of the mailboxes and a  
 8 little two?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. And so you didn't modify any of the  
 11 markings on those mailboxes when you moved in?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. And you didn't modify those until  
 14 you left, or you didn't modify those at any time,  
 15 I should say?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. Okay. Ms. Alvarado, at any time  
 18 before the incident in June of 2021, did you ever  
 19 interact with the people that lived on the  
 20 second-floor apartment at 4664 Torresdale?  
 21 A. No.  
 22 Q. Before the date of the incident in  
 23 June 2021, did you ever get anyone knocking on the  
 24 door looking for the people in the second-floor

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 apartment that you can recall?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Ms. Alvarado, I think you</p> <p>4 respond in your Interrogatory Responses that you</p> <p>5 moved out in August of 2021; is that right?</p> <p>6 And if you're not sure, that's</p> <p>7 okay, you can estimate, if you can.</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. That sounds right?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Why did you move out of that</p> <p>12 apartment in August of 2021?</p> <p>13 A. Because I couldn't deal with being</p> <p>14 in there.</p> <p>15 Q. I know it's tough, but can you tell</p> <p>16 me a little bit more about what was it about</p> <p>17 living there that you couldn't deal with?</p> <p>18 A. The blood that was on the floor,</p> <p>19 the smell, the fact that I wasn't able to sleep.</p> <p>20 I was paranoid. I was always crying.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>22 MR. WEST: Are you finished</p> <p>23 answering?</p> <p>24 It's okay if you are. I just</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And who is your landlord at 4713</p> <p>3 Torresdale Avenue?</p> <p>4 A. Leo.</p> <p>5 Q. And is your property manager also</p> <p>6 still Arvin?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Turning you back to that</p> <p>9 photograph, Ms. Alvarado, at any time after the</p> <p>10 incident, do you know did either yourself or Leo</p> <p>11 or Arvin or anyone else change the way the front</p> <p>12 door or the mailboxes were marked that you know</p> <p>13 of?</p> <p>14 A. Can you repeat that question?</p> <p>15 Q. Sure, absolutely.</p> <p>16 Do you recall whether between the</p> <p>17 time of the incident and the time you left 4664</p> <p>18 Torresdale whether the front door was changed in</p> <p>19 any way in terms of markings?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. It was not?</p> <p>22 A. Un-unh, no.</p> <p>23 Q. Did you ever have a conversation</p> <p>24 with Leo or Arvin about changing the way that the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 didn't want you to get cut off.</p> <p>2 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:</p> <p>3 Q. Feel free, please, if there's any</p> <p>4 other thing you wanted to add in terms of why you</p> <p>5 moved out?</p> <p>6 A. That was then of me being there of</p> <p>7 reliving what happened.</p> <p>8 Q. And so in August of 2021, where did</p> <p>9 you move after 4664 Torresdale?</p> <p>10 A. Across the street because that was</p> <p>11 the only apartment that the landlord was able to</p> <p>12 get.</p> <p>13 Q. And what was the address of the</p> <p>14 apartment that you moved into?</p> <p>15 A. 4713 Torresdale Avenue.</p> <p>16 Q. And is that immediately next to</p> <p>17 your sister, Yara's, apartment?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. Or is it like how far is it</p> <p>20 approximately of a walk from your sister's</p> <p>21 apartment?</p> <p>22 A. Three houses down.</p> <p>23 Q. And who is your -- do you still</p> <p>24 live at 4713 Torresdale Avenue?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 front door was marked?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Ms. Alvarado, I want to shift gears</p> <p>4 a little bit and ask you about the animals that</p> <p>5 you had, specifically, on June 4, 2021, the date</p> <p>6 of the incident.</p> <p>7 I understand from your</p> <p>8 Interrogatory Responses you had two dogs and one</p> <p>9 was Akuma, the dog that was shot, and one was</p> <p>10 Penelope; is that right?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And Akuma is a pitbull mix;</p> <p>13 correct.</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And Penelope was a Jack Russell,</p> <p>16 Shih Tzu mix; correct?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And you also had two cats</p> <p>19 and a bird; is that right?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And all of those pets were inside</p> <p>22 your apartment that day of that incident; right?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. I want to ask specifically</p>

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1 about Akuma. So you said in, I think, in response  
 2 to your Interrogatories that you got Akuma about  
 3 three years before the incident; is that right?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. And you got Akuma from a shelter?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. When you adopted Akuma from the  
 8 shelter, did you have to pay any fees to get  
 9 Akuma?  
 10 A. No.  
 11 Q. And when you adopted Akuma, did you  
 12 intend for Akuma to be a service dog or an  
 13 emotional support animal at that time when you  
 14 adopted Akuma?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. Why did you get Akuma?  
 17 A. I wanted a companion. I had a dog  
 18 of 13 years who was dying. And I needed --  
 19 because the dog that I had of 13 years belonged to  
 20 my mom who died, so it was a lot because she was  
 21 like having seizures and heart problems. So then  
 22 I knew she was going to pass. So then I got Akuma  
 23 to like -- to be like with me and also like help  
 24 her.

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1 Q. I understand.  
 2 Did you -- was -- in addition to  
 3 the reasons that you just gave, was one reason  
 4 that you picked Akuma specifically to be a guard  
 5 dog for your property where you were living?  
 6 A. Not a guard dog because I had small  
 7 dogs. So just so I can have a bigger dog so I can  
 8 feel safe. It wasn't a guard dog.  
 9 Q. I understand.  
 10 So before you got Akuma, did you  
 11 speak with anyone in terms of like a doctor or  
 12 medical professional about getting Akuma?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. When you got Akuma, do you know if  
 15 Akuma had any specific training to serve as a  
 16 service dog or emotional support dog?  
 17 A. Can you ask that question again?  
 18 Q. Sure, absolutely. I want to take  
 19 you back to the time that you adopted Akuma when  
 20 you went to the shelter to get Akuma.  
 21 At that time when you picked Akuma  
 22 out at the shelter, did you know that Akuma had  
 23 any special training to serve as a service dog or  
 24 emotional support dog?

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1 A. No.  
 2 Q. Do you know if Akuma had any  
 3 specific training to serve as a guard dog?  
 4 A. No.  
 5 Q. I want to ask about like when you  
 6 left the house. And I'm taking you back to the  
 7 time right around 4664 Torresdale, the incident  
 8 there in June of 2021.  
 9 Did you, when you would leave the  
 10 house, would you take Akuma with you ever?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. What kind of places and what  
 13 situations, if you could, would you take Akuma  
 14 with you?  
 15 A. I would take him with me to my  
 16 friend's house. When I went to go to the parks I  
 17 would take him because I really don't have any  
 18 friends or anyone. So I would go everywhere with  
 19 my dog.  
 20 Q. Did you ever take Akuma on any kind  
 21 of transportation, public transportation, like  
 22 subway or bus?  
 23 A. No.  
 24 Q. Did you ever take him into movie

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1 theatres or any kind of places where you would go  
 2 shopping or any other place would you take Akuma?  
 3 A. Can you repeat the question?  
 4 Q. Absolutely. So you mentioned  
 5 bringing Akuma to your friend's house and to the  
 6 park.  
 7 Did you ever take him into any kind  
 8 of businesses when you would go shopping, any  
 9 other kind of places?  
 10 A. If he was allowed to go in.  
 11 Q. Did you ever try to take Akuma in a  
 12 place and not be allowed to?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Prior to the incident in June of  
 15 2021, did you ever have any problem with Leo or  
 16 Mirela or Arvin about having Akuma at 4664  
 17 Torresdale, did you ever get any pushback or  
 18 concern from them about that?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to mark  
 21 another document. And, Keith, I hope  
 22 you don't mind, I've just got Ms.  
 23 Alvarado's Interrogatory Responses and  
 24 RP Responses with the documents all as

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 one document. There's not a whole lot</p> <p>2 there.</p> <p>3 MR. WEST: Yes, I don't think</p> <p>4 there's any problem.</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to mark</p> <p>6 that whole packet as Plaintiff's-1, for</p> <p>7 the record.</p> <p>8 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:</p> <p>9 Q. I've got a copy here, Ms. Alvarado.</p> <p>10 I've got one. You should have a third one,</p> <p>11 actually.</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm just going to</p> <p>13 give you the marked one, Keith.</p> <p>14 MR. WEST: Sure. I'll just switch.</p> <p>15 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:</p> <p>16 Q. Ms. Alvarado, I want to turn your</p> <p>17 attention, it's the not the last page, not the</p> <p>18 second-to-last page, but the third-to-last page.</p> <p>19 It's got on the top a Dr. Frank J. Welch, M.D.</p> <p>20 Can you turn to that page, if you</p> <p>21 would, and let me know when you find it?</p> <p>22 A. (Witness complies.)</p> <p>23 Q. That's perfect. That's the one,</p> <p>24 yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 you just not remember?</p> <p>2 A. Did I meet face to face?</p> <p>3 Q. Yes.</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you remember why you applied to</p> <p>6 Dr. Welch, if there was any specific reason you</p> <p>7 applied to Dr. Welch to get this certification?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. What was the reason?</p> <p>10 A. So I can take my animals with me.</p> <p>11 And I was suffering from depression, anxiety. And</p> <p>12 they were a comfort to me. So in order for me to</p> <p>13 be able to have them with me at all times and take</p> <p>14 them into stores, then I had to get them</p> <p>15 registered.</p> <p>16 Q. I understand.</p> <p>17 Is there any specific incident</p> <p>18 before you applied for this that prompted you to</p> <p>19 reach out; if you can recall?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. I know you said you didn't meet</p> <p>22 face to face with Dr. Welch.</p> <p>23 Do you know if Dr. Welch saw your</p> <p>24 pets in any way, if you had to bring your pets to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Ms. Alvarado, have you seen this</p> <p>2 document before?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Can you tell me, you know,</p> <p>5 what your understanding of what this document is?</p> <p>6 A. It's the paperwork stating that my</p> <p>7 dogs were registered as emotional support.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you recall -- and the date on</p> <p>9 this you see at the top is April 25th of 2021.</p> <p>10 Do you remember the process of</p> <p>11 applying to Dr. Welch for this letter?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Can you tell me what that process</p> <p>14 entailed?</p> <p>15 A. They asked me questions to see if I</p> <p>16 qualified for an emotional support pet.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you have to provide Dr. Welch's</p> <p>18 office with any documents or just responses to</p> <p>19 questions; if you remember?</p> <p>20 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Do you remember meeting with</p> <p>22 Dr. Welch about this?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. Are you sure that you didn't or do</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 see Dr. Welch?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Before the incident that occurred</p> <p>4 in June 2021, was there ever any time or incident</p> <p>5 that you can recall where Akuma was either</p> <p>6 growling or barking at another individual, another</p> <p>7 person, did you ever have an issue with that?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. And so I want to ask you about</p> <p>10 Penelope.</p> <p>11 Penelope is your Jack Russell Shih</p> <p>12 Tsu mix; right?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. And do you still have Penelope?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And then did you obtain Penelope</p> <p>17 around the same time as Akuma or was it later?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. When did you acquire Penelope?</p> <p>20 A. 2018.</p> <p>21 Q. Do you remember if that was after</p> <p>22 Akuma?</p> <p>23 A. Before.</p> <p>24 Q. Before. And did you adopt Penelope</p>



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1 for the same reasons that you adopted Akuma?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. Why did you adopt Penelope?  
 4 A. She was a gift.  
 5 Q. From whom was she a gift?  
 6 A. From my ex.  
 7 Q. Was that an ex-boyfriend?  
 8 A. Fiance.  
 9 Q. Fiance, okay.  
 10 When you got Penelope as a gift, do  
 11 you know if Penelope had any special training to  
 12 serve as a service dog or emotional support dog?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Okay. Ms. Alvarado, I want to  
 15 switch gears and talk about what occurred in June  
 16 2021, June 4th of 2021, the incident.  
 17 And that occurred in the early  
 18 morning of the day of this incident; is that  
 19 right?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Where were you in the house when  
 22 you first noticed that someone was at your  
 23 property, at your residence?  
 24 A. Can you --

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1 Q. Sure. Let me clarify.  
 2 How did you first learn on that  
 3 day, the day of the incident, that someone was at  
 4 the property, did you hear something?  
 5 A. My door was kicked down.  
 6 MR. WEST: I apologize. What did  
 7 you say, your dog was what?  
 8 THE WITNESS: No. I said my door  
 9 was kicked down.  
 10 MR. WEST: Door was kicked down. I  
 11 only asked because I didn't hear it.  
 12 Sorry.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's fine.  
 14 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 15 Q. So did you hear any knocking at the  
 16 door before your door was kicked down?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. Where were you when you first  
 19 learned -- you heard the door knocked down, where  
 20 were you in the apartment?  
 21 A. I saw -- I was walking towards the  
 22 door.  
 23 Q. So you were walking towards the  
 24 front door of your apartment?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Where were you coming from in the  
 3 apartment when you were walking towards the door?  
 4 A. The bathroom.  
 5 Q. And when you were walking towards  
 6 the front door, was there anything that you were  
 7 heading for in the apartment at that time?  
 8 A. No.  
 9 Q. And I know this is personal. I'm  
 10 sorry to ask. I just have to.  
 11 In terms of your state of dress at  
 12 that time --  
 13 A. Can you go back to that question?  
 14 Q. Yes. And you look like you want to  
 15 clarify something. Go ahead.  
 16 A. You asked me if I was heading  
 17 towards something?  
 18 Q. Yes.  
 19 A. Not towards something, but towards  
 20 like my bird because he was screaming. So I was  
 21 like not like towards the door, but towards the  
 22 bird.  
 23 Q. I understand.  
 24 So you had heard before that your

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1 bird was screaming, I think you said, or  
 2 squeaking?  
 3 A. Yes, yes.  
 4 Q. Okay. Where were you when you  
 5 first heard the bird squeaking?  
 6 A. In the bathroom.  
 7 Q. And did you hear anything else when  
 8 you were in the bathroom or just the bird?  
 9 A. Just the bird.  
 10 Q. So you didn't hear the dog barking  
 11 at that point?  
 12 A. I heard the bird.  
 13 Q. Before you left the bathroom, did  
 14 you hear the dog bark or did you hear the dog bark  
 15 after you left the bathroom?  
 16 A. It was after.  
 17 Q. And, just to be clear, you were  
 18 alone in the apartment at this time; correct?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. Were the lights off in the  
 21 apartment?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. All of them or was the bathroom  
 24 light on?

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1 A. The bathroom light.  
 2 Q. Okay. So you mentioned that you  
 3 were walking toward the bird when the door was  
 4 kicked in; is that right?  
 5 A. I was walking towards the front  
 6 because it's like one open space, so everything is  
 7 together. So I was walking towards the front,  
 8 like the front of the apartment where the door was  
 9 and because the bird was next to the door, so  
 10 everything is together.  
 11 Q. And that's when you heard the door  
 12 being breached?  
 13 A. When I saw them standing, yes.  
 14 Q. So they --  
 15 A. They kicked the door down. And  
 16 that's when I noticed what was -- that someone was  
 17 trying to get in.  
 18 Q. Were you looking at the door when  
 19 the door was breached?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. And so you saw the first officers  
 22 come through the door after that?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. And let me go back to this point

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1 because I think I was going to ask it before we  
 2 went back. And I hate to ask it.  
 3 But in terms of how you were  
 4 dressed at that point when you left the bathroom  
 5 and headed toward the front door where the bird  
 6 was, you said you were not dressed from the waist  
 7 down?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. But did you have a towel wrapped  
 10 around you at that point in time?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. And from the top up you had a bra  
 13 on, but you did not have a top; is that right?  
 14 A. No. I had a shirt, but no bra.  
 15 Q. I understand. Okay.  
 16 So after you saw the door being  
 17 breached, did you see all of the officers enter?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. And where were you standing when  
 20 they entered, were you standing -- where were you  
 21 situated in the apartment?  
 22 A. I was where the kitchen and the  
 23 living room start, like where they meet, but since  
 24 it was all open space it was like in the middle of

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1 the doorway.  
 2 Q. So is it, I'm sorry, I don't want  
 3 to cut you off, is it fair to say that you were  
 4 standing about at the boundary line between the  
 5 kitchen and the living room?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And I'm going to  
 8 just mark another document. This is  
 9 Plaintiff's Exhibit-3 or Plaintiff's-3.  
 10 MR. WEST: Do you mean defense?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm sorry, I'm  
 12 just going to call it Plaintiff-3.  
 13 MR. WEST: Okay. Because your  
 14 plaintiff.  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And this is her  
 16 deposition.  
 17 MR. WEST: I understand.  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And it's a  
 19 document with the Bates Stamp 94.  
 20 Here's a copy.  
 21 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 22 Q. All right. Ma'am, is this a  
 23 picture of how your apartment looked on the day of  
 24 the incident?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Okay. And so when we said -- we  
 3 were talking earlier about where you were standing  
 4 when the officers entered.  
 5 Is that at the point where the wood  
 6 there becomes the tile that you see on this  
 7 photograph, is that about where you were standing  
 8 or was it further back or forward?  
 9 A. Yes, further, the wood and the tile  
 10 come together.  
 11 Q. And were you standing to the --  
 12 were you standing behind that little barrier there  
 13 or were you standing -- were you standing where  
 14 that barrier between the living room and kitchen  
 15 is, there's a gap?  
 16 A. I was standing in the gap.  
 17 Q. You were standing in the gap  
 18 between the wall and that little divider?  
 19 A. Not behind the divider, but on the  
 20 side, so right there.  
 21 Q. And, if you could, just so we have  
 22 a record, I'm going to give you my pen, and if you  
 23 could mark with an X where you were standing?  
 24 A. (Witness complies.)



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1 Q. Thank you. So, just to be clear,  
2 you were standing on the tile; is that right?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. And you could see the front door at  
5 that point in time?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Do you know at that point in time  
8 where the officers came through the front door  
9 where Akuma was?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. Where was Akuma in this -- in the  
12 apartment?  
13 A. In his cage.  
14 Q. And is that the cage that's on  
15 Plaintiff-3 to the far left of the photograph?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And could you see Akuma at that  
18 point inside the cage or do you just know that he  
19 was there some other way?  
20 A. He was -- could I see?  
21 Q. Sure. If you'd like to on the  
22 photograph where Akuma was, that's fine as well,  
23 and you can mark that with a D for dog or A for  
24 Akuma.

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1 A. (Witness complies.)  
2 Q. I'm sorry, I'm struggling to see.  
3 Was that right where --  
4 A. Where the --  
5 Q. Oh, right, I see now. Thank you.  
6 So when the officers came through  
7 the front door where that toy is where Akuma was,  
8 could you see Akuma there at that time?  
9 A. No.  
10 Q. But did you know Akuma was there  
11 some other way?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. How did you know Akuma was there at  
14 that time?  
15 A. Because I heard him. And that's  
16 where he usually sleeps.  
17 Q. You said you heard Akuma at that  
18 point.  
19 Did Akuma start to bark as soon as  
20 the officers came in the door or was it before?  
21 A. When they kicked it down.  
22 Q. So, to the best of your  
23 recollection, Akuma was not barking before the  
24 door was kicked down?

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1 A. Before he barked and then after  
2 because when the bird was screaming, that's when  
3 he barked.  
4 Q. I see. So Akuma --  
5 A. Because the bird was screaming and  
6 he barked. So I guess he saw what the bird saw.  
7 Q. I understand.  
8 So you heard the bird start  
9 squeaking first?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. And then you heard Akuma start  
12 barking after that?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. But it was before the officers came  
15 through the door?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And it was before the door was  
18 breached?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. So can you describe it?  
21 I know this isn't pleasant.  
22 Would you describe for me what  
23 happened after the officers came through the front  
24 door?

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1 A. They came through the front door.  
2 And I told my dogs to calm down. They was okay.  
3 He calmed down.  
4 And then I told him, let me put him  
5 in the cage, let me put him in the cage a few  
6 times.  
7 And they said, no.  
8 And they shot him. And they were  
9 just asking how do you get to the second floor.  
10 And when they had shot him, they shot him. They  
11 had me on the floor. They didn't let me move.  
12 They didn't want to show me the search warrant.  
13 They told me don't talk and just sit there on the  
14 floor. And I called the little dog. Well, when  
15 they kicked the front door the little dog ran  
16 towards me.  
17 And I asked them, let me put him in  
18 the cage.  
19 And they said, no.  
20 And they just shot him.  
21 Q. When you refer to the little dog  
22 you're referring to Penelope; correct?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. So when the officers came through

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1 the front door you said Penelope ran toward you?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Where was Penelope before that; if  
 4 you know?  
 5 A. They sleep together.  
 6 Q. So did you see Penelope before the  
 7 officers came through the front door?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. And Penelope was you said where  
 10 Akuma was?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. By that toy?  
 13 A. Yes, because when I was in the  
 14 bathroom they came to me. And I told him them to  
 15 lay down. They went back to their bed.  
 16 Q. So I just want to be completely  
 17 clear.  
 18 You said Penelope came to you  
 19 before the officers came through the door?  
 20 A. Because every morning is the same  
 21 routine, so, yes.  
 22 Q. But when the officers came through  
 23 the door Penelope was not -- you could not see  
 24 Penelope?

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1 A. Correct.  
 2 Q. Was Penelope barking?  
 3 A. I don't remember.  
 4 Q. When the officers came through the  
 5 door, did they come right up to you or did any of  
 6 them come right up to you?  
 7 A. They had the gun to my face and  
 8 told me to get on the ground.  
 9 Q. How many officers came up to you?  
 10 A. So there was one officer that came  
 11 up to me that made me get on the floor.  
 12 Q. Do you recall what that officer's  
 13 -- do you recall the officer's name?  
 14 If you don't, that's okay.  
 15 A. No. They didn't give any names.  
 16 Q. What -- can you describe that  
 17 officer who came up to you in terms of a  
 18 description; tall, short?  
 19 A. Tall.  
 20 Q. Could you tell the officer's race  
 21 or ethnicity?  
 22 A. I know he was light skinned.  
 23 Because of what they had on you couldn't see.  
 24 Q. I understand.

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1 When that officer came up to you,  
 2 were you standing where you had marked here when  
 3 they came in and just in the kitchen?  
 4 A. He pushed me back.  
 5 Q. How far back did you go at that  
 6 point in time?  
 7 A. Just like --  
 8 Q. You can mark on here, if you want.  
 9 And you can mark that with like a B for back, if  
 10 that's easiest.  
 11 A. (Witness complies.)  
 12 Q. So you moved back about a few feet  
 13 from where you were?  
 14 A. Maybe like two.  
 15 Q. About two feet?  
 16 A. Yeah.  
 17 Q. And how close to you was that  
 18 officer?  
 19 A. In my face.  
 20 Q. At that point in time when the  
 21 officer was in your face, could you see where  
 22 Akuma was?  
 23 A. No.  
 24 Q. And at that point in time, did you

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1 get on the ground as you were instructed by the  
 2 officer?  
 3 A. Yes. I was forced. I had a gun to  
 4 my face.  
 5 Q. And you said you told that officer  
 6 to let me put my dog away?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. You said the officer told you, no?  
 9 A. Correct, yes.  
 10 Q. Were you -- I want to ask you about  
 11 when, and you heard a single gunshot; is that  
 12 right?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Were you on the ground at the time  
 15 that you heard that shot?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. And at the time that you heard that  
 18 shot, could you see Akuma?  
 19 A. I heard him scream.  
 20 Q. But you couldn't see him?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. Could you hear Akuma barking right  
 23 before the shot?  
 24 A. Can you repeat the question?

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1 Q. Sure. Was Akuma barking right  
2 before the gunshot?  
3 A. No.  
4 Q. Did you see Akuma at any point in  
5 time go toward the officers?  
6 A. No.  
7 Q. You didn't see Akuma at any point  
8 before the shot, you said; correct?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. Now, Ms. Alvarado, at some point in  
11 time did the officers ask you or did any of the  
12 officers ask you how to access the second-floor  
13 apartment?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. When was that, was that after the  
16 shot or before the shot?  
17 A. As soon as they kicked the door  
18 down that's all they were saying.  
19 Q. And did you respond to that?  
20 A. I told them that -- yes.  
21 Q. What did you say in response?  
22 A. They had to get out because there  
23 was only one way in and one way out, the second  
24 floor was around the back.

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1 Q. Did any of the officers say  
2 anything in response to that?  
3 A. No. They started ripping the  
4 curtains and started looking and they started  
5 searching the apartment.  
6 Q. You said that you were on the floor  
7 in the kitchen; is that right?  
8 A. When they first kicked the door  
9 down.  
10 Q. Did the officers go past you in the  
11 kitchen?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. And they went further back into the  
14 apartment?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. You saw them go further back into  
17 the apartment?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Did you see them search through  
20 anything in terms of not going -- let me ask it  
21 this way.  
22 Just to be clear, you saw them go  
23 back into the rest of the apartment; correct?  
24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. But did you see them search through  
2 any of your belongings?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. What did you see?  
5 A. They ripped the curtain down from  
6 my laundry room. And then they went into my room.  
7 And they were just moving the stuff around. They  
8 were searching for, I guess, a person. They were  
9 just looking. They went into the bathroom.  
10 Q. And then what happened after they  
11 went back into the bathroom?  
12 A. They saw -- they came out.  
13 Q. About how long was it between the  
14 time that the shot was fired and the time that  
15 they came back out?  
16 A. I don't recall.  
17 Q. Was it a matter of minutes,  
18 seconds; if you can say?  
19 MR. WEST: Object to the form of  
20 the question.  
21 You can answer. If you're able to  
22 answer, you can answer.  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And I can rephrase  
24 the question, if it's easier.

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1 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
2 Q. Was it more than five minutes that  
3 they were inside the apartment before they left  
4 outside the apartment?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. It was more than five minutes?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Before that five minutes was up,  
9 did any of the officers leave the apartment?  
10 A. No.  
11 Q. So they all stayed in the  
12 apartment?  
13 A. No. There were some that were in  
14 my bedroom searching. And then there was some  
15 that were making sure that I didn't move.  
16 Q. How many officers were with you  
17 watching you at this time?  
18 A. There was three.  
19 Q. And so while those three officers  
20 were watching you, did you see any leave the  
21 apartment?  
22 A. They -- yes.  
23 Q. About how long after the shot,  
24 again, if you can estimate? If you can't --

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1 A. I can't.  
 2 Q. At some point -- I'm sorry, you  
 3 look like you want to clarify. Go ahead.  
 4 A. Yes. Once they went and saw that  
 5 they moved the curtains and realized that there  
 6 was a wall and a window, they just left.  
 7 Q. At that point when that occurred,  
 8 did any officers stay behind with you?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. How many?  
 11 A. Two.  
 12 Q. And, if you can estimate, about how  
 13 long were you on the ground until you got off the  
 14 ground?  
 15 A. A half an hour.  
 16 Q. And so what happened that prompted  
 17 you to get up?  
 18 A. I want -- I asked to put on clothes  
 19 because my boobs were hanging out. The towel was  
 20 showing my -- because the towel wasn't a big  
 21 towel, so it barely covered me.  
 22 (Witness indicating.)  
 23 Q. And so you asked one of the  
 24 officers if you could go put on clothing?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. And what did the officer say?  
 3 A. He said it was okay.  
 4 Q. And then did you go and put  
 5 clothing on?  
 6 A. I went to the bathroom.  
 7 Q. And you put clothing on in the  
 8 bathroom?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. When you came out of the bathroom,  
 11 where did you go at that point?  
 12 A. To the chair.  
 13 Q. And just referring you back to  
 14 Plaintiff's-3, is that one of the chairs at the  
 15 table in the kitchen or -- I'm sorry, did I take  
 16 your -- I'm sorry.  
 17 Was that one of the chairs in the  
 18 kitchen or one in the living room?  
 19 A. Yes, it was.  
 20 Q. Just, for the record, you're  
 21 indicating the chair in the kitchen?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And when you came and sat at the  
 24 chair in the kitchen, were any officers still

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1 there with you?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. How many?  
 4 A. They were coming in and out. There  
 5 was like three.  
 6 Q. Did any of these officers say  
 7 anything to you at that point in time?  
 8 A. No.  
 9 Q. Did you say anything to the  
 10 officers at that point after you came out to  
 11 change?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. What did you say?  
 14 A. I asked them what was going on.  
 15 And they said that they couldn't tell me anything.  
 16 Q. About how long were you sitting in  
 17 that chair, if you can say?  
 18 A. Until they left. Until they told  
 19 me to go outside and take my statement. Because  
 20 he was standing there watching me. So then once I  
 21 was able to move to go outside and for them to  
 22 take my statement, that's when he left.  
 23 Q. At some point in time that day, did  
 24 your sister, Yara, come over?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. When was that, was that when you  
 3 were still inside or was that after you were  
 4 outside giving a statement?  
 5 A. When I was inside.  
 6 Q. And so Yara came inside with you?  
 7 A. No. They didn't allow her to.  
 8 Q. Could you see Yara outside while  
 9 you were still sitting inside?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. You could see her through the door?  
 12 A. Yes. She came at one point to get  
 13 Penelope because she had pissed all over me and  
 14 she was shaking.  
 15 Q. Do you know -- did you -- before  
 16 that point in time, did you contact Yara to have  
 17 her come over or did she just come over?  
 18 A. No. She came. She saw everything  
 19 through her house, I guess her front door, saw the  
 20 cops that were outside.  
 21 Q. So your first interaction with Yara  
 22 was when you were outside giving a statement?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. At some point in time that day, did

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1 you notice officers taking photographs inside the  
 2 apartment?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. Do you remember giving your  
 5 statement when you went outside?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Do you remember how many officers  
 8 it was that took your statement?  
 9 A. One.  
 10 Q. Do you remember if that officer --  
 11 do you remember that officer's name?  
 12 If you don't, that's okay.  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Okay. Do you remember if that  
 15 officer was recording it by video?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. And, Miss, I'm sorry, I mean to  
 18 imply nothing by this, but I just have to ask.  
 19 When you gave a statement to that  
 20 officer you were fully honest and truthful with  
 21 that officer; correct?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. At some point that day, did you  
 24 learn that the officers were looking for a

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1 homicide or a murder suspect?  
 2 A. After everything happened.  
 3 Q. Do you remember if that was when  
 4 you were giving a statement?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. Do you remember if it was after you  
 7 left and you went outside?  
 8 A. That was when everything was done  
 9 and over with that I heard from people speaking  
 10 that that was why they were there, but the officer  
 11 had never told me why they were there. They just  
 12 said that they were looking for someone.  
 13 Q. But they didn't tell you they were  
 14 looking specifically for a homicide or a murder --  
 15 A. They didn't say. They just said  
 16 that they were looking for someone.  
 17 Q. Did you learn at any point after  
 18 that that the person they were looking for was a  
 19 murder suspect?  
 20 A. No.  
 21 Q. So you did not know that before  
 22 today?  
 23 A. Well, I figured that out after  
 24 everything took place, because I wanted to know

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1 what was going on, why they went into my house.  
 2 So then I went to the person who lives upstairs  
 3 because that's where they said -- she came to me  
 4 and she apologized because of what happened to my  
 5 dog.  
 6 Q. How long was it that the person  
 7 from upstairs came to you to apologize, how long  
 8 after the incident; if you remember?  
 9 A. Right once everything -- everybody  
 10 left.  
 11 Q. So it was the same day as the  
 12 event?  
 13 A. The same day.  
 14 Q. And you said you never interacted  
 15 with that person before; correct?  
 16 A. No, correct.  
 17 Q. And you said she just apologized  
 18 about what had happened with your dog?  
 19 A. Correct.  
 20 Q. Did she say anything else to you  
 21 about what happened?  
 22 A. No.  
 23 Q. Did you say anything to her that  
 24 you can remember?

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1 A. No.  
 2 Q. Did you ever interact with that  
 3 woman again after that?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. What was the nature of that  
 6 interaction?  
 7 A. She was -- she lived upstairs from  
 8 me. So every time I see her she'll always  
 9 apologize. And she felt bad for what happened.  
 10 Q. Did she say anything other than  
 11 apologizing about what happened?  
 12 A. She said that her -- that they were  
 13 looking, I guess, for her son.  
 14 Q. Did she say anything else about  
 15 that that you can remember?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. Ms. Alvarado, did you ever go  
 18 around to the back of 4664 Torresdale while you  
 19 were living there?  
 20 A. No.  
 21 Q. So you never saw how the back  
 22 looked of the property?  
 23 A. I can see it through my bedroom  
 24 window.

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1 Q. Can you see the door that's in the  
2 back of the property from your bedroom window?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. What does that door look like?  
5 A. It's a white screen door.  
6 Q. Is there anything written on it?  
7 A. No. I wasn't able to see that much  
8 because it's on an angle. So I can only see a  
9 certain point.  
10 Q. And you've never been -- you said  
11 you've never been back there, so you've never been  
12 through it; correct?  
13 A. Correct.  
14 Q. Ms. Alvarado, and again, I  
15 apologize in advance. I know this is not an easy  
16 thing to talk about.  
17 But at some point the day of the  
18 incident, did the officers tell you that you could  
19 pick up the remains for Akuma?  
20 A. They -- no.  
21 Q. Not that you can remember or do you  
22 know that they did not tell you that you could  
23 pick up the remains for Akuma?  
24 A. Can you repeat that?

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1 Q. Sure. Did anybody at any time from  
2 the police that day talk to you about what you  
3 could do to pick up Akuma's body?  
4 A. No.  
5 Q. Do you recall how you learned how  
6 to pick up Akuma?  
7 A. They said that they were going to  
8 take his body to Act -- well, to Act Philly.  
9 Q. Is that Act, A-c-t, like Act  
10 Philly?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Did they say what for?  
13 A. No. They just -- that's where they  
14 took him. That's where he was going to be, I  
15 guess, cremated, so that's where they took him.  
16 And I would have to go from there.  
17 Q. So did you personally pick up  
18 Akuma's body at any time?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Did you pick up his body to take to  
21 be cremated or did you pick up his cremated  
22 remains?  
23 A. I picked up his body to be cremated  
24 because they don't do it there.

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1 Q. And you took it somewhere else to  
2 be cremated?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. And you did that yourself?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. About how long after the incident  
7 was that; if you can remember?  
8 A. As soon like -- after everybody  
9 left or?  
10 Q. Was it the same day that you went  
11 to pick up Akuma?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. It was the same day.  
14 And did you take Akuma to the place  
15 to be cremated the same day?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And did you pay to have Akuma  
18 cremated that day?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Was that \$143.50 that you paid?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. And I believe you said in your  
23 Interrogatory Responses that Akuma's blood was  
24 still on the floor.

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1 Did you clean that up yourself?  
2 A. No.  
3 Q. Who did?  
4 A. My sister.  
5 Q. Is that Yara?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Were any of your pets, Penelope or  
8 your bird or cats, hurt that day, physically, I  
9 should clarify?  
10 A. No.  
11 Q. Now, your front door was damaged as  
12 a result of the officers coming through; is that  
13 correct?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. But you did not pay for that  
16 yourself; correct?  
17 A. I called the landlord.  
18 Q. Okay. Was that you spoke to Arvin  
19 or did you speak to Leo or do you recall?  
20 A. Both.  
21 Q. You spoke to Arvin and Leo?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Do you remember how long after the  
24 incident, was it the same day as the incident that



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1 you spoke with them?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. And you remember speaking to both  
 4 of them?  
 5 A. I spoke to Leo because his office  
 6 is not far from the apartment.  
 7 Q. Where -- do you know the address of  
 8 Leo's office?  
 9 A. No.  
 10 Q. But you said it's close by.  
 11 Do you know about how many minutes  
 12 walk, say?  
 13 A. Around the corner from -- it's like  
 14 his office is behind my sister's house.  
 15 Q. And did you go over there in person  
 16 that day?  
 17 A. No. He came.  
 18 Q. Do you know how he learned about  
 19 what had happened, did you contact him?  
 20 A. No.  
 21 Q. So you're not sure how he learned?  
 22 A. I'm not sure.  
 23 Q. But you said he came to the  
 24 property that day.

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1 Were the officers still there when  
 2 he arrived?  
 3 A. I don't remember. I know I had to  
 4 tell him about the door because I needed a new  
 5 door and a frame to the door.  
 6 Q. And so when Leo came you told him  
 7 you needed a new door and a new frame?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. Do you remember anything else from  
 10 that conversation that Leo told you about what had  
 11 happened?  
 12 A. He asked me what happened. And I  
 13 told him.  
 14 Q. And did Leo say anything else in  
 15 response that you can remember?  
 16 A. Not that I can remember.  
 17 Q. Do you know about how long it took  
 18 for Leo or anyone to replace your door that day?  
 19 A. I don't remember the exact timing  
 20 of how long from the incident. I can't give you a  
 21 specific time period.  
 22 Q. But it was not the same day?  
 23 A. It was the same day.  
 24 Q. It was the same day, okay.

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1 Do you recall any discussion with  
 2 Arvin? I think you said you spoke with Arvin that  
 3 day as well. Do you remember what you talked  
 4 about with Arvin?  
 5 A. What happened since he was the  
 6 property manager.  
 7 Q. Do you remember whether Arvin came  
 8 out or if you spoke to him on the phone?  
 9 A. He didn't come out. I just spoke  
 10 to him on the phone.  
 11 Q. Can you remember anything else he  
 12 said about -- in response to you telling him what  
 13 happened?  
 14 A. I don't remember.  
 15 Q. Do you remember any conversations  
 16 with Arvin, Leo or even Mirela after that about  
 17 the markings on the property or the front door?  
 18 A. No, I don't remember.  
 19 Q. Ms. Alvarado, I'm going to shift  
 20 gears a little bit and talk about some of your  
 21 mental health conditions. And I don't mean to  
 22 pry. It's just I have to ask these questions.  
 23 Now, you mentioned that you were on disability at  
 24 some point in your life.

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1 Do you know the condition for which  
 2 the reason that you're on disability?  
 3 A. I have a bleeding disorder that is  
 4 hereditary. So I had it since I was a child.  
 5 Q. Is that Von Willebrand Disease?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Do you know if there are any other  
 8 conditions that are the basis of your disability,  
 9 if you know, other than Von Willebrand Disease?  
 10 A. Can you --  
 11 Q. Sure. Let me rephrase that  
 12 question because it's poorly worded.  
 13 Do you know if there are any other  
 14 reasons that you're on disability other than  
 15 having the Von Willebrand Disease?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. What are those?  
 18 A. I had it since I was a child  
 19 because of when I was baby I caught the German  
 20 measles. So ever since I was a child I always  
 21 struggled. I've always been a sick child.  
 22 Q. Anything other than that and the  
 23 Von Willebrand disease that you know of in terms  
 24 of reasons for your disability?

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1 A. Not that I know of.

2 Q. So, as far as you're aware, you're  
3 not on disability due to any mental health  
4 conditions; is that right?

5 A. Well, as far as a learning  
6 disability when I was a child.

7 Q. Do you, and if you don't know, this  
8 is okay.

9 Do you know anything more specific  
10 about what the learning disability is, attention  
11 deficit disorder or anything more specific?

12 A. I don't remember. So I don't  
13 recall.

14 Q. Prior to the June 2021 incident  
15 we've been talking about, were you seeing any  
16 mental health professionals, any social workers or  
17 psychiatrists or anyone to mental health for any  
18 mental health condition?

19 A. No.

20 Q. So after the incident, did you  
21 start to see someone for mental health issues?

22 A. Yes, I would because of the  
23 pandemic. So I couldn't -- well, when I was  
24 before that.

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1 Q. So you started to see someone after  
2 the pandemic?

3 A. Like prior to -- well, since I had  
4 it since I was a child and I've always struggled  
5 with depression and anxiety. I have always had to  
6 see a psychiatrist.

7 Q. So, if you know, what is the name  
8 of the individual that you see or the individuals  
9 that you see for depression and anxiety?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 MR. WEST: Could you clarify the  
12 timeframe you're asking about?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sure, absolutely.

14 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

15 Q. Do you recall -- you said you do  
16 recall seeing someone about depression and anxiety  
17 at some in point time; right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. To your recollection, how long ago,  
20 when's the first time you saw someone for  
21 depression and anxiety, was it what time, about  
22 what year, if you can say?

23 A. The first time?

24 Q. Yes.

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1 A. I was a child, the first time I  
2 ever saw a therapist for depression and anxiety.

3 Q. Have you since that time seen  
4 someone regularly or is it sporadic?

5 And I can try and clarify it.

6 Have you ever had a regular  
7 appointment, like a monthly appointment or a  
8 weekly appointment with a mental health  
9 professional about depression or anxiety?

10 A. Yes, when I was -- yes.

11 Q. Was that when you were a child?

12 A. And as an adult.

13 Q. So as an adult, when's the first  
14 time that you had a regular appointment with a  
15 mental health professional?

16 A. I don't remember.

17 Q. Do you remember the name or the  
18 place where you could go as an adult for mental  
19 health treatment?

20 A. It's the building is no longer.  
21 Like right after my mom died, but the building,  
22 they closed, so they're no longer there.

23 Q. Do you remember was it in  
24 Philadelphia?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you remember where in  
3 Philadelphia that was?

4 A. It was on 5th and Allegheny.

5 Q. And you said it was right after  
6 your mom died.

7 What year was that; if you can  
8 remember?

9 A. 2013.

10 Q. And did you have a regular -- you  
11 said you had a regular appointment at the place at  
12 5th and Allegheny; is that right?

13 A. I went there. Can you --

14 Q. Sure. So you went to the place at  
15 5th and Allegheny for treatment for depression and  
16 anxiety; right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you remember how often you would  
19 go to that place?

20 A. No.

21 Q. I mean, can you say whether it was  
22 monthly, yearly, would you go more than once a  
23 year, twice a year?

24 A. It would be monthly depending on



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1 how like -- first it would be weekly. And then it  
 2 would be monthly.  
 3 Q. Do you remember when you stopped  
 4 going to 5th and Allegheny, how many years ago  
 5 that was?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. Can you remember any other places  
 8 that you would go other than 5th and Allegheny for  
 9 treatment for depression and anxiety?  
 10 A. No.  
 11 MR. WEST: I'll ask for  
 12 clarification.  
 13 Is your question any other place  
 14 after ever?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yes, absolutely.  
 16 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 17 Q. Any other place ever?  
 18 A. Ever. I've been to a lot of  
 19 different places. But as far as the exact timing,  
 20 I went to one on 5th Street on -- I think it's 5th  
 21 and Cayuga. And then I went to one on Allegheny,  
 22 C, I think it's C and Allegheny.  
 23 MR. WEST: Do you need the  
 24 spelling?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I do, if you know.  
 2 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 3 Q. C like the letter C?  
 4 A. The letter.  
 5 Q. Any other places other than 5th and  
 6 Cayuga and C and Allegheny that you can remember?  
 7 A. That I can remember at the moment,  
 8 yeah. Those are the only ones that I remember.  
 9 Q. Do you remember when the last time  
 10 you would have gone to 5th and Cayuga was, how  
 11 many years ago?  
 12 A. No, I don't remember.  
 13 Q. Do you remember whether it was  
 14 before this incident that you stopped going, I  
 15 should say?  
 16 A. It was before this incident.  
 17 Q. Okay. And then how about the place  
 18 at C and Allegheny, do you remember the last time  
 19 you visited there was?  
 20 A. No, I don't remember.  
 21 Q. Do you remember if it was before  
 22 the incident that you stopped going there?  
 23 A. Before the incident.  
 24 Q. Do you remember the names of any of

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1 the individuals you saw at either of those?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. And so you said you would go to  
 4 those places about depression and anxiety?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Did you also go to those places to  
 7 deal with any learning conditions that you had?  
 8 A. No.  
 9 Q. Just depression and anxiety?  
 10 A. Just depression and anxiety.  
 11 Q. All right. Ms. Alvarado, I want to  
 12 direct your attention back to the Interrogatory  
 13 Responses. And, in fact, I can just ask you. I  
 14 don't think you need to take a look right yet.  
 15 Hold on. I think in one of your Interrogatory  
 16 Responses you noted treating with a Robert Willis  
 17 at the LCC Health Clinic in Philadelphia.  
 18 Do you recall Mr. Willis?  
 19 A. I'm actually still with Mr. Willis.  
 20 I'm still going to the office.  
 21 Q. Do you remember when the first time  
 22 you visited with Mr. Willis?  
 23 A. That was after because of the  
 24 pandemic, everything was so you couldn't really

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1 find a therapist or anything like that. So I was  
 2 able to find one in July.  
 3 Q. You mentioned the pandemic.  
 4 That was July of 2020; right?  
 5 A. No. When I was able to get an  
 6 appointment with a therapist.  
 7 Q. And that was in July of 2020?  
 8 A. July --  
 9 MR. WEST: Do you know what year?  
 10 THE WITNESS: No, I don't remember.  
 11 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 12 Q. Do you remember if you first met  
 13 with Mr. Willis before the incident with Akuma in  
 14 June 2021?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. So it was after the incident that  
 17 you first saw Mr. Willis?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. How long -- I'm sorry.  
 20 How frequently did you meet with  
 21 Mr. Willis?  
 22 A. Every two weeks.  
 23 Q. And that's been every two weeks  
 24 since you've started?

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1 A. In telehealth.  
 2 Q. So you meet with Mr. Willis by  
 3 telehealth?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. Did you ever meet with Mr. Willis  
 6 in person?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. And is it every two weeks that you  
 9 do the telehealth or any appointments?  
 10 A. Any appointments.  
 11 Q. And how do you determine whether  
 12 it's telehealth or not, is it just a scheduling  
 13 thing?  
 14 A. It's on their end because of, once  
 15 again, the pandemic.  
 16 Q. And you still see Mr. Willis now?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. And if you don't know, that's okay.  
 19 But, as far as you know, have you  
 20 seen Mr. Willis every two weeks approximately  
 21 since the incident? Have you ever had -- let me  
 22 ask it this way.  
 23 Has there ever been any time that  
 24 you stopped seeing Mr. Willis from the time of the

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1 incident until now?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. Is there any other individual other  
 4 than Mr. Willis and the places we talked about  
 5 earlier at 5th and Cayuga and C and Allegheny  
 6 where you've seen a mental health professional  
 7 that you can recall?  
 8 A. That I can recall, no.  
 9 Q. And so --  
 10 A. Please.  
 11 Q. Please, go ahead.  
 12 A. Before you ask me the next  
 13 question, could I go to the bathroom?  
 14 Q. One hundred percent. Let's take a  
 15 break.  
 16 MR. WEST: Sure.  
 17 ---  
 18 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
 19 off the stenographic record.)  
 20 ---  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Back on the  
 22 record. Actually, I do need my last  
 23 question. I'm so sorry.  
 24 ---

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1 (Whereupon, a pertinent portion of  
 2 the record was read back by the court  
 3 reporter.)  
 4 ---  
 5 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 6 Q. Ms. Alvarado, I want to ask have  
 7 you ever taken any medication for the depression  
 8 and anxiety you have?  
 9 A. When I was feel bad.  
 10 Q. Do you recall what the medication  
 11 was?  
 12 A. No. The medication used to work  
 13 the opposite on me. So we tried to -- I want  
 14 through a lot of medications.  
 15 Q. As an adult, can you remember  
 16 taking medication as an adult for depression or  
 17 anxiety?  
 18 A. No. They prescribed it to me.  
 19 Q. What was prescribed to you?  
 20 A. I don't remember the name of it.  
 21 It was the one that they prescribed to me  
 22 recently. I don't have it. I don't know the name  
 23 of it.  
 24 Q. I saw in your Interrogatory

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1 Responses I think at some point you were  
 2 prescribed Duloxetine.  
 3 Does that sound correct?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. Do you remember whether that was  
 6 Mr. Willis that -- do you know who -- I'm sorry,  
 7 let me just ask it this way.  
 8 Do you know who prescribed you the  
 9 Duloxetine?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Who was that?  
 12 A. My primary doctor.  
 13 Q. What's the name of your primary  
 14 doctor?  
 15 A. It was -- because they -- he's no  
 16 longer there. So then the doctor switched. So  
 17 then I -- I forget the new doctor who prescribed  
 18 me the medication, her name. Thomas Lubin was my  
 19 primary doctor. And then he switched me to -- I  
 20 can't believe I forgot the name. Thomas Lubin was  
 21 my -- from Einstein.  
 22 Q. And that's Einstein Hospital or  
 23 Medical Center?  
 24 A. Medical Center.

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1 Q. Do you know where's that's located?  
 2 A. Mayfair.  
 3 Q. How often would you go see -- I'm  
 4 sorry. Is Lubin L-u-b-i-n; if you know?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. How often would you go see Dr.  
 7 Lubin at the time -- around the time you were  
 8 prescribed Duloxetine?  
 9 A. Often because I had a -- I have  
 10 health problems. So I would go because of pain  
 11 and just on regular visits, checkups.  
 12 Q. So Dr. Lubin treated you not just  
 13 for anxiety and depression, but for other issues  
 14 not related to mental health?  
 15 A. Correct.  
 16 Q. And you said Dr. Lubin has since  
 17 left and you have a new primary care doctor?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. But you don't remember that  
 20 person's name?  
 21 A. No.  
 22 Q. How often do you go in now to see  
 23 that person?  
 24 A. Now, I haven't went in -- the last

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1 time I went was when she prescribed me the  
 2 medication.  
 3 Q. The medication being the  
 4 Duloxetine?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. And so it was this other person and  
 7 not Dr. Lubin that prescribed you the Duloxetine  
 8 or you're not sure?  
 9 A. It was she prescribed it to me  
 10 because he was in the process of leaving.  
 11 Q. I understand.  
 12 Do you recall approximately when  
 13 that was, was it 2021, 2022?  
 14 A. It was 2022.  
 15 Q. And you've never taken the  
 16 Duloxetine even though it's been prescribed to  
 17 you; right?  
 18 A. I took it. I took it.  
 19 Q. How long did you take it?  
 20 A. For -- I didn't like the side  
 21 effects of it. So I took it for a month. And  
 22 then I got natural herbs where it would help  
 23 regulate me. It would help with my mood. So I  
 24 would try to do like natural herbs instead of

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1 medication because of the side effects.  
 2 Q. And what were the side effects that  
 3 you experienced from the drug?  
 4 A. It was headaches and it upset my  
 5 stomach.  
 6 Q. Did you tell that to the doctor,  
 7 the doctor that replaced Dr. Lubin?  
 8 A. Yes, yes.  
 9 Q. Did that doctor provide any  
 10 alternative recommendations?  
 11 A. No.  
 12 Q. The natural herbs that you  
 13 described, was that the doctor's recommendation or  
 14 did you get that from someone else?  
 15 A. I did the research.  
 16 Q. Just online on the Internet?  
 17 A. Online.  
 18 Q. Do you know what the herbs are that  
 19 you take?  
 20 A. Reishi mushrooms, mood enhancers.  
 21 It's supposed to help with your mood.  
 22 Q. Any others?  
 23 A. Just that one, yeah, just that one.  
 24 Q. How often do you take the Reishi

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1 mushrooms?  
 2 A. Every day in a smoothie.  
 3 Q. Is there anything else that you  
 4 take other than the Reishi mushrooms for your  
 5 anxiety and depression right now?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. And putting aside the herbs that  
 8 you mentioned for purposes of anxiety and  
 9 depression, do you take other medication regularly  
 10 for your non-mental health issues?  
 11 A. No.  
 12 Q. So you don't take any medication  
 13 besides the herbs currently; correct?  
 14 A. Correct.  
 15 Q. I'm just going to very briefly  
 16 shift gears, Ms. Alvarado, and then I'll be done,  
 17 I promise.  
 18 I want to ask you, going back to  
 19 Plaintiff's-1, that's this photograph of your  
 20 front door, you never posted any sign in terms of  
 21 like with beware of dog or anything on your door  
 22 about having a dog; correct?  
 23 A. I had a sign, but it's -- I had  
 24 written a sign and placed it.

1 But the question is, yes.  
 2 Q. Yes. So do you know when you put  
 3 up that sign, was it when you first moved in?  
 4 A. Yes, unless the cats knocked it  
 5 down, but I had the sign up.  
 6 Q. To your recollection, was that sign  
 7 up on the date of the incident?  
 8 A. I thought it was.  
 9 Q. But and then I just want to a last  
 10 exhibit on this.  
 11 Well, before I do that, do you  
 12 recall at any point taking that sign down?  
 13 A. I don't recall, no.  
 14 Q. And then I'm just going to mark one  
 15 final exhibit. I think I'm up to Plaintiff-4.  
 16 Okay.  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to show  
 18 this to Ms. Alvarado. And here's a copy  
 19 for you, Keith. But, just for the  
 20 record, this is a printout from Google  
 21 Maps. The date of the view is April  
 22 2022.  
 23 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 24 Q. Now, Ms. Alvarado, you moved out of

1 the building, you said, in August of 2021;  
 2 correct?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. And this is the front door of what  
 5 was before August 2021 your apartment; correct, or  
 6 it appears to be?  
 7 A. It appears to be.  
 8 Q. There's you'll will notice a beware  
 9 of dog sign in the window there.  
 10 I just wanted to ask is that the  
 11 sign you put up at any point?  
 12 A. That was, yes.  
 13 Q. But you don't -- you can't recall  
 14 if that sign came down at any point in time after  
 15 you had put it up?  
 16 A. Correct.  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I think that's all  
 18 I have.  
 19 MR. WEST: I'll ask like two  
 20 follow-ups, if you're done.  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yes, I'm done.  
 22 ---  
 23 EXAMINATION  
 24 ---

1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Just to clarify, the beware of dog  
 3 sign, do you believe that that sign was still  
 4 posted on the date of the incident?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. And then there's one other thing I  
 7 was confused about. All right.  
 8 So correct me if I'm wrong, but I  
 9 believe you testified that on the date of the  
 10 incident you had a job at CRC Warehouse; is that  
 11 right?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Did you go to work on the day of  
 14 the incident?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. Why not?  
 17 A. Because of the incident.  
 18 Q. Okay. I think you testified that  
 19 you were up and taking a shower at the time the  
 20 police officers entered your home; correct?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. Were you getting ready for work at  
 23 that time?  
 24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And then I think you testified that  
 2 you got fired two weeks after the incident?  
 3 A. Yes, correct.  
 4 Q. Do you know why you got fired?  
 5 A. Because of -- yes.  
 6 Q. What?  
 7 A. Because of calling out due to the  
 8 emotions that I was going through, not being able  
 9 to go to work. I would wake up sad and crying.  
 10 And I couldn't get myself together to make it to  
 11 work. So they had to let me go.  
 12 MR. WEST: Okay. I don't have any  
 13 questions.  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'll just have a  
 15 real brief follow-up about that point.  
 16 ---  
 17 EXAMINATION  
 18 ---  
 19 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 20 Q. Ms. Alvarado, were you fired, to  
 21 your knowledge, as a result of missing a single  
 22 day of work on this date of the incident?  
 23 A. Can you --  
 24 Q. Sure. Let me clarify that. It

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1 wasn't really clear.  
 2 So is it your understanding from  
 3 your employer, CRC, that you were fired because  
 4 you missed work on the date of this incident, June  
 5 4, 2021?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. What was your understanding of why  
 8 you were fired?  
 9 A. Because I was missing too many  
 10 days.  
 11 Q. How many days did they say that you  
 12 had missed?  
 13 A. I kept calling -- it was like I  
 14 missed -- because after more than three days they  
 15 give you a write-up.  
 16 Q. Before the date of this incident,  
 17 had you been written up?  
 18 A. No. I explained to them what was  
 19 going on. So they were aware of the situation.  
 20 But they still had to let me go because I missed  
 21 too many days.  
 22 Q. What was the situation that you  
 23 described to them?  
 24 A. How my dog got shot and how I was

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1 going through a lot of emotions and I was  
 2 depressed. And I was sad. And it was hard for me  
 3 to get myself together to be able to focus to do  
 4 the job correctly.  
 5 Q. I understand.  
 6 And so you missed days after the  
 7 date of the incident at CRC?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. How many days after the incident  
 10 did you miss?  
 11 A. I missed like five and then a  
 12 callout.  
 13 Q. And so when you say you missed five  
 14 days, does that mean you missed five days without  
 15 alerting them?  
 16 A. No. Like within the timeframe.  
 17 Q. So on those days that you missed  
 18 you alerted your employer that you wouldn't be  
 19 there?  
 20 A. Yes, yes.  
 21 Q. And I believe you said that you  
 22 were fired, it was about a week after the  
 23 incident?  
 24 MR. WEST: She said two weeks.

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Two weeks, okay.  
 2 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 3 Q. And what's the name of your manager  
 4 or supervisor at CRC?  
 5 A. Jason. There was three of them.  
 6 Q. Do you know Jason's last name?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. Do you know the other two  
 9 supervisors?  
 10 A. Chris Gumphrey.  
 11 Q. Gumphrey with a G?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. And do you know the other?  
 14 A. Jason, did I say Jason?  
 15 Q. You said Jason and you said two  
 16 others, I think, Chris.  
 17 And was there another individual?  
 18 A. I don't remember, but the ones that  
 19 I used to call out to was Jason and Chris.  
 20 Q. Were they the --  
 21 A. They were the floor managers.  
 22 Q. I understand.  
 23 When you were fired, was it Jason  
 24 or Chris that talked to you?

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1 A. Jason.  
 2 Q. Jason, okay.  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I think that's all  
 4 I have unless he has any further  
 5 follow-ups.  
 6 MR. WEST: No, I'm not going to  
 7 keep us here any longer.  
 8 ---  
 9 (Whereupon, Exhibits Plaintiff-1  
 10 through Plaintiff-4 were marked for  
 11 identification.)  
 12 ---  
 13 (Whereupon, the deposition  
 14 concluded at 2:50 p.m.)  
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# EXHIBIT “B”

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FELISHATAY ALVARADO	:	Civil Action
Plaintiff,	:	No. 22-3763
v.	:	
City of Philadelphia, et al.,	:	
Defendants	:	

*Expert Report of Glenn Garrels of Force Analysis LLC pertaining to the  
incident that occurred on June 4, 2021.*

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October 27, 2023

Mr. David Keith

The Victim's Recovery Loss Center

121 South Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Keith,

I have reviewed the documents and submitted material provided to me concerning the incident that occurred on June 4, 2021. I have formulated seven opinions that I hold to a reasonable degree of probability and certainty in the field of police practices upon my training and experience:

- 1. SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4th Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by illegally entering into her 1st floor, front apartment without having the legal authority to do so while executing a search warrant for a defendant believed to be located inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear apartment which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**
- 2. SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by executing the search warrant by forcibly ramming the door and not allowing her a reasonable amount of time to voluntarily surrender her residence which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**
- 3. Lieutenant Monk and Sergeant Mellody failed to supervise the operation properly from the "recon" of the residence to the execution of the search warrant.**
- 4. The Philadelphia Police Department improperly investigated this incident and provided inconsistent information about what had occurred pertaining to the execution of the search warrant and breach of the residence of Felishatay Alvarado.**
- 5. The Philadelphia Police Department violated Felishatay Alvarado's 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights when Officer Song discharged his firearm mortally wounding the dog that was considered property**

**of Felishatay Alvarado by not allowing her time to secure her dog which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**

**6. The Philadelphia Police Department failed to follow nation standards in the planning and execution of this search warrant.**

**7. The Philadelphia Police Department failed to train its officers on policies and how to deal with dog encounters.**

I expand and support my opinions in the attached report. If more materials are provided regarding this incident, I reserve the right to add, change, and delete any of my opinions based on any provision of additional information not reviewed at the time this report was completed.

Sincerely,



Glenn Garrels

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**Introduction**

I was a member of the New Jersey State Police for twenty-two years as a member of the 121<sup>st</sup> State Police Class which graduated on April 24, 2001. I last held the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as the Unit Head of the Special Investigations Unit at the Casino Gaming Bureau. My experience included 4 years as a Road Duty Trooper assigned to the Field Operations Section in Troop "A" which encompassed southern New Jersey from 2001 through 2005. During that time, I was assigned to the Bellmawr, Port Norris, and Woodbine Stations before being transferred to the Tactical Patrol Unit. As a road duty Trooper, my duties and responsibilities included conducting motor vehicle accident investigations and enforcing motor vehicle laws under Title 39. I also conducted criminal investigations concerning property thefts, burglaries, sex assaults, assaults, robberies, weapon offenses, and narcotics under the New Jersey Criminal Code Title 2C. I prepared several narcotic search warrants that led to the recovery of narcotics and U.S. currency. I have a vast knowledge of identifying confidential informants and utilizing them to solve open criminal investigations.

While assigned to the Field Operations Section, I had temporary tenures in the Alcohol Beverage Control Unit where I investigated alcohol related crimes under Title 33 and licensed premise investigations under Title 13. These investigations also involved working in an undercover capacity concerning alcohol, narcotics, and gambling investigations. I also worked temporarily as a station detective in the Criminal Investigation Office in Troop "A" where I conducted extensive and complex criminal investigations.

In January of 2006, I was transferred to the Digital Technology Investigations Unit where I conducted criminal investigations into the possession and distribution of child pornography and other crimes against children. I received training in the recovery and analyzation of digital evidence.

In September of 2006, I was then transferred to the Major Crime South Unit where I was responsible for investigating suspicious deaths, homicides, in-custody deaths, and deadly force incidents which mainly consisted of officer involved shootings. It was here I honed my skills and expertise in force encounters. I was a member of the Major Crime South Unit for fourteen years and was a Detective, Detective Sergeant, Detective Sergeant First Class, and Lieutenant all within the unit. I was a case detective, case manager, and incident commander during these complex and high-profile investigations. During this time, I was also assigned to the New Jersey Attorney General's Shooting Response Team. I was involved in nearly one hundred Deadly Force / In-Custody Death Investigations. I have testified in Grand Juries, Motions, and Trials pertaining to these investigations.

I was temporarily assigned to the New Jersey State Police Academy for the 158<sup>th</sup> State Police Class in 2018. I instructed recruits on the New Jersey Criminal Code, Constitutional Law pertaining to search and seizure, and conducting criminal investigations. During my tenure as a detective over approximately eighteen years, I had extensive knowledge in preparing search warrants affidavits and their constitutional requirement pertaining to residences, vehicles, cell phone call detail records, clothing, and other evidence vital to investigations. I have also supervised countless search warrant preparations and executions during that time. I attended yearly training in search and seizure issues as part as being a New Jersey State Trooper.



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I have attended training from around the country in the areas of how to conduct officer involved shooting investigations and deadly force incidents, and the different disciplines in those areas. I also became a use of force instructor through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and currently instruct Police and Correction recruits in the standard of force at the Atlantic County Police Academy. I have also instructed on how to conduct officer involved shooting investigations to different law enforcement agencies around the State of New Jersey. I have also attended several different trainings and certifications in the human performance in force encounters. Understanding these principles can greatly affect how an individual can perceive and respond to a force encounter.

Prior to becoming a New Jersey State Trooper, I was a Campus Police Officer with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Mental Health. I was assigned to an out-patient Mental Health Facility where I provided police and security for the employees, visitors, and patients. This included interacting with patients daily and providing restraints on patients who were in crisis. I have attended training on dealing with mentally ill individuals by the Massachusetts Police Training Commission as well as training in non-violent self-defense by the Department of Mental Health. I have completed annual training for the New Jersey State Police that pertains to dealing with mentally ill. As a Road Duty Trooper, I assisted and handled dozens of cases dealing with individuals who were in crisis and needed a psychiatric evaluation.

**Instruction:**

Supervisor's Review of Use of Force – JA Montgomery Consulting -	2023 - Present
Use of Force Instructor – Atlantic County Police Academy -	2019 - Present
Investigating Officer Involved Shootings/Deadly Force -	2014 - Present

**Education:**

**Master of Science Degree**, Criminal Justice Administration - Western New England College, 1998  
**Bachelors of Art Degree**, Criminal Justice – Curry College, 1997  
**Associate in Science Degree**, Massasoit Community College, 1995

**Commendations/Awards:**

New Jersey State Police / Letter of Recognition	March 2018
200 Club of Burlington County / Meritorious Service Award	February 2018
New Jersey State Police / Unit Certificate of Commendation	September 2017
New Jersey State Police / Letter of Commendation	July 2017
New Jersey State Police / Unit Certificate of Commendation	March 2017
New Jersey State Police / Unit Certificate of Commendation	March 2016
<b>New Jersey State Police / Trooper of the Year</b>	<b>December 2015</b>
Burlington County / Pro Cops Award	August 2015
New Jersey State Police / Unit Certificate of Commendation	April 2014
New Jersey State Police / Unit Certificate of Commendation	October 2008

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New Jersey Attorney General's Award

December 2008

**Association Membership**

New Jersey Homicide Investigator's Association  
Association of Force Investigators  
Human Factor & Ergonomics Society  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
New Jersey Licensed Private Investigator's Association

**Legal Guiding Principles - This section contains foundational information for the basis of my opinions.**

**Fourth Amendment:** The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.<sup>1</sup>

**Pennsylvania Constitution; Article 1, Section 8: Security from Searches & Seizures:** The people shall be secure in their person, houses, papers, and possessions from unreasonable searches and seizures, and no warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them as nearly as may be, nor without probable cause, supported by oath of affirmation subscribed to by the affiant.<sup>2</sup>

**Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 207 which states:**

*“Rule 207 - Manner of Entry into Premises*

*(A) A law enforcement officer executing a search warrant shall, before entry, give, or make reasonable effort to give, notice of the officer's identity, authority, and purpose to any occupant of the premises specified in the warrant, **unless exigent circumstances require the officer's immediate forcible entry.***

*(B) Such officer shall await a response for a **reasonable period of time** after this announcement of identity, authority, and purpose, unless exigent circumstances require the officer's immediate forcible entry.*

*(C) If the officer is not admitted after such reasonable period, the officer may forcibly enter the premises and may use as much physical force to effect entry therein as is necessary to execute the search.<sup>3</sup>*

See generally *Commonwealth v. DeMichel*, 277 A.2d 159 (Pa. 1971) with regard to paragraphs (A) and (B). Concerning paragraph (C), see *Commonwealth v. Newman*, 240 A.2d 795 (Pa. 1968).”

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<sup>1</sup> Fourth Amendment, United States Constitution

<sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania Constitution; Article 1, Section 8:

<sup>3</sup> Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 207

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**Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 205, which states:***“Rule 205, Contents of Search Warrant**(A) Each search warrant shall be signed by the issuing authority and shall:**(1) specify the date and time of issuance;**(2) identify specifically the property to be seized;**(3) **name or describe with particularity the person or place to be searched;****(4) direct that the search be executed either;**(a) within a specified period of time, not to exceed 2 days from the time of issuance, or;**(b) when the warrant is issued for a prospective event, only after the specified event has occurred.<sup>4</sup>***Incident Summary**

On June 4, 2021, officers from the Philadelphia Police Department executed a search warrant at the residence of Felishatay Alvarado located on the front, 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment of 4664 Torresdale Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This search warrant was a continuing investigation into an arrest warrant for a suspect in a homicide case that did not include Felishatay Alvarado or her residence. The search warrant was authorized for the rear, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment of 4664 Torresdale Avenue. When officers breached the front door of her apartment with a knock and announce search warrant after only a brief period, they encountered Felishatay Alvarado and her service dog. One officer discharged his firearm at the service dog mortally wounding it while other officers cleared the remainder of the residence. When officers realized they had made a mistake, they exited the apartment and walked to the rear of the building and entered into the rear door which led to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear apartment. The suspect was not located at that time.

**Document Listing**

The following were the documents I reviewed pertaining to this incident:

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Axon_Capture_Video_2021-06-04_070917                                   |                 |
| 2. Axon_Capture_Video_2021-06-04_071356                                   |                 |
| 3. Axon_Capture_Video_2021-06-04_072135                                   |                 |
| 4. Surveillance video A09_20210604053500_001.mp4                          |                 |
| (rear of building)  |                 |
| 5. Surveillance video A10_20210604053500_002.mp4                          |                 |
| (Deli at front of building)   |                 |
| 6. Use of Force / Hospital Case Summary                                   | D000001         |
| 7. Warrant of Arrest  | D000002         |
| 8. Philadelphia Police Department Officer Involved Shooting Investigation | D000003-D000010 |

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<sup>4</sup> Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 205

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Unit Final Report prepared by Detective Horn, Report OIS# PS21-05

9. Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Unit Summary	D000011
10. Complaint of Incident Report dated 6/4/21	D000012
11. Complaint or Incident Report prepared by Officer Hamoy dated 6/4/21	D000013
12. Warrant of Arrest / Affidavit	D000014-D000018
13. Philadelphia Police Department Consent to Search dated 6/4/21	D000019
14. Crime Scene Log	D000020-D000021
15. Statement of Officer Burkitt	D000022-D000023
16. Statement of Officer Ashford	D000024-D000025
17. Statement of Officer Scott	D000026-D000028
18. Statement of Officer Murray	D000029-D000031
19. Statement of Officer Riotto	D000032-D000034
20. Statement of Sergeant Mellody	D000035-D000038
21. Statement of Officer Smith	D000039-D000040
22. Statement of Officer Clark	D000041-D000042
23. Statement of Lieutenant Monk	D000043-D000045
24. Civilian Interview Sheet OIS	D000046
25. Statement of Officer Rivera	D000047-D000048
26. Statement of Officer Saba	D000049-D000050
27. Statement of Officer Hamoy	D000051
28. Statement of Officer Fitzpatrick	D000052-D000054
29. Statement of Officer Quintana	D000055
30. Property Receipt	D000056-D000057
31. Search Warrant	D000058-D000060
32. Internal Affairs Statement of Sergeant Mellody	D000061-D000064
33. Internal Affairs Statement of Detective Scully	D000065-D000067
34. Internal Affairs Statement of Detective Graf	D000068-D000071
35. SWAT Unit Recon Sheet	D000072-D000075
36. PPD Mugshot Profile	D000076
37. Firearms Identification Unit Lab Report	D000077-D000078
38. Scene Photographs	D000079-D000100
39. Complaint or Incident Report dated 6/4/21 prepared by Officer Vega	D000101
40. Stray Contact Sheet from Animal Control	D000102-D000104
41. Officer Involved Shooting Contact Sheet	D000105-D000109
42. Memorandum from Commanding Officer of Internal Affairs	D000110-D000120
43. OIS Investigation Unit Report prepared by Detective Horn	D000121-D000122
44. PPD Case Report	D000123-D000124
45. Internal Affairs Statement of Officer Song with Diagram	D000125-D000131
46. Firearms Identification Unit Lab Report	D000132-D000133

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47. Property Report	D000134
48. Crime Scene Report	D000135-D000138
49. Complaint of Incident Report dated 6/4/21 prepared by SGT Williams	D000139
50. Incident History Report	D000140-D000143
51. Email from LT Hendershot dated 6/4/21	D000144
52. Memo dated 6/11/21 Commanding Officer, Firearms Unit	D000145
53. Defendant City of Philadelphia's Answers and Objections to Plaintiff Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents	17 pages
54. Defendant Police Officer Edward Song's Answers and Objections to Plaintiff's Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents	16 pages
55. Civil Complaint	25 pages
56. PPD Wanted Person Directive 5.17 dated 11/20/00	
57. PPD Body Worn Camera (BWC) Directive 4.21 dated 5/20/19	
58. PPD Arrest Warrant Directive 5.22 dated 9/1/20	
59. PPD Use of Force Review Board Directive 10.4 dated 2/5/21	
60. PPD Use of Force - Involving the Discharge of a Firearm Directive 10.1 dated 5/13/21	
61. PPD Search Warrant Directive 5.7 dated 4/29/16	D000154-D000193
62. PPD Disciplinary Procedures Directive 8.6 dated 5/1/10	D000194-D000208
63. PPD Firearms Training Sheet for Officer Song dated 6/9/21	D000209
64. PPD Officer Involved Shooting Invest Unit (Repeated)	D000210-D000211
65. PPD Training Bureau Firearms Training Unit	D000212
66. Memo from Commanding Officer Firearms Training dated 6/11/21	D000213
67. Memo from Corporal Francis Rogalski dated 6/10/21	D000214
68. Firearms Training Unit Policy #8	D000215-D000216
PPD Directive 10.1	D000217-D000219
69. PPD SOP #18 (Revised 2/24/20) SWAT Unit	D000220-D000222
Room Clearing Techniques	
70. PPD SOP #26 SWAT Unit Operational Planning	D000223-D000225
71. PPD SOP #28 SWAT Unit Reconnaissance & Intelligence	D000226-D000228
(Revised 4/11/19)	
72. PPD SOP #30 SWAT Unit Warrant Threat Level Guidelines	D000229
73. PPD SOP #31 SWAT Unit Warrant Service	D000230-D000232
(Revised 10-20-22)	
74. PPD SOP #36 SWAT Unit Dog Neutralization Policy	D000233-D000234
75. City of Philadelphia Response Letter dated 5/5/23	
76. PPD Directive 8.2 Civil Suits dated 1/6/05	
77. Dog Encounters Training	D000235-D000241

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78. Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Date October 28, 2021	D000242-D000243
79. Transcript deposition of Officer James Ashford dated 5/22/23	
80. Transcript deposition of Officer Matthew Fitzpatrick dated 5/17/23	
81. Transcript deposition of Lieutenant Demetrius Monk dated 5/19/23	
82. Transcript deposition of Officer Heriberto Quintana dated 5/23/23	
83. Transcript deposition of Officer Phillip Riotto dated 5/22/23	
84. Transcript deposition of Officer Patrick Saba dated 5/16/23	
85. Transcript deposition of Officer Edward Song dated 5/15/23	
86. Ashford Exhibit 1 & Riotto Exhibit 1	
87. SWAT Unit Recon Sheet (Different than D000072-D000075 as 246-249 were added)	D000244-000249
88. Police Internal Affairs Files	D000250-000336
89. Video PS 21-05 4664 Torresdale Avenue (Inside Bing)	
90. Riotto Exhibit 1	
91. Saba Exhibits 1 (D000137), 2, 3 (D000172-173)	
92. Songs Exhibits 1, 2	D000235-240
93. Training Records of officers involved	D000337-644
94. Alvarado Exhibit 1 – Photograph of apartment front door	
95. Alvarado Exhibit 1	
96. Internal Affairs files for officers involved (unredacted)	D000645-731
97. Shannon Exhibit 1	
98. Exhibits for Scott	
99. Exhibits for Graff	
100. Hamoy Exhibits	
101. Home Investigation Interview Report	
102. Matteo Exhibits	
103. Rivera Exhibits	
104. Murray Exhibits 1	
105. Photo 1	
106. Photo 2	
107. Photo 3	
108. Photo 4	
109. Photo 5	
110. Plaintiff Photos 1-4	
111. Burkett Exhibits 1-7	
112. Scally Exhibits 1-3	
113. Sergeant Mellody Exhibits	



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- 114. Transcript Deposition of Felishatay Alvarado dated 8/11/23
- 115. Transcript Deposition of Yara Alvarado dated 8/28/23
- 116. Transcript Deposition of Officer Joshua Burkitt dated 9/20/23
- 117. Transcript Deposition of Officer Eric Clark dated 9/21/23
- 118. Transcript Deposition of Detective Francis Graf dated 9/28/23
- 119. Transcript Deposition of Officer Jose Hamoy dated 8/17/23
- 120. Transcript Deposition of Jaclyn Matteo-Hand dated 9/27/23
- 121. Transcript Deposition of Sergeant Kevin Mellody dated 10/11/23
- 122. Transcript Deposition of Officer Brian Murray dated 8/11/23
- 123. Transcript Deposition of Officer Miguel Rivera dated 8/18/23
- 124. Transcript Deposition of Detective Timothy Scally dated 9/28/23
- 125. Transcript Deposition of Officer Cypian Scott dated 9/21/23
- 126. Transcript Deposition of Dana Shannon dated 9/15/23
- 127. Transcript Deposition of Sergeant Michael Cerruti dated 10/16/23
- 128. Cerruti exhibit 1
- 129. Defendant Motion for Summary Judgement dated 10/17/23

**Method of Analysis**

In March of 2023 I was contacted by Attorney Keith West of the Victim Loss Recovery Center. He requested I review an incident that occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 4, 2021 when SWAT Officers from the Philadelphia Police Department executed a search warrant at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. I requested he send me all the documents/video pertaining to this incident. After I received all the pertinent information, I reviewed it in its entirety. I then formulated my opinions based on the totality of circumstances from the information provided in an impartial and objective manner. In reviewing the evidence in this case and forming my opinions, I have relied upon the education, experience, and training that I have obtained in over two decades in law enforcement. That methodology that I employed in this case was consistent with how I would have reviewed any similar use of force incident based on my training and experience as a supervisor in the field of law enforcement.

**Officers Involved**

Officer James Ashford	Badge Number 3802
Officer Joshua Burkitt	Badge Number 2091
Officer Eric Clark	Badge Number 4453
Officer Matthew Fitzpatrick	Badge Number 148
Officer Jose Hamoy	Badge Number 2987
Officer Brian Murray	Badge Number 6068



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Officer Heriberto Quintana	Badge Number 2721
Officer Phillip Riotto	Badge Number 3984
Officer Rivera	Badge Number 6797
Officer Patrick Saba	Badge Number 9823
Officer Cyprian Scott	Badge Number 3936
Officer Edward Song	Badge Number 3936
Detective Francis Graf	Badge Number 9066
Detective Timothy Scully	Badge Number 791
Sergeant Kevin Mellody	Badge Number 285
Sergeant Michael Cerruti	Badge Number 8649
Lieutenant Demetrius Monk	Badge Number 279

**Involved Person**

Felishatay Alvarado

**Incident Analysis**

**Opinion 1: SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4th Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by illegally entering into her 1st floor, front apartment without having the legal authority to do so while executing a search warrant for a defendant believed to be located inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear apartment which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**

The following fact patterns support my above opinion;

I reviewed the search warrant for 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania which was signed and approved on June 3, 2021 where Detective Scally was listed as the affiant. It clearly states on the first page that the search warrant was for the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear** apartment. (D000058). On the third page it again, clearly states on two occasions that the search warrant was for the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear** apartment. (D000060)

I reviewed the typed statement of Detective Scally dated 6/17/21. When asked, “Why did you list that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear of 4664 Torresdale Avenue was the specific description of the premises that was to searched on the search warrant?” He replied, “The information that was received from the probation officer was the most recent information. Since the address was for the second floor, we wanted to be specific. There could

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have been a second-floor front that we did not know about.” (D000066). (As I will demonstrate from Google Earth photographs, it clearly shows that there could not be a 2nd floor front as the 2nd floor is set back from the front of the building.) When Detective Scally was asked, “Did you have information on how the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear was to be accessed?” He replied, “No. I assumed it would be from the front.” (D000066) Again, Google Earth photographs clearly show that no possible access could have been made to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, front as the 2nd floor was set back from the front of the building.

I also reviewed the arrest warrant for the defendant whom the SWAT officers were attempting to locate which listed Detective Graf as the affiant. On page 1 the address listed was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building (D000002), and listed again as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on page 1 of the arrest affidavit (D000016).

I reviewed the typed statement provided by Detective Graf dated 6/17/21. Detective Graf advised database checks of BMV and prison release for the defendant involved in the murder both listed 4664 Torresdale Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as an address (D000069). He also spoke with Probation Officer Shannon who advised the defendant’s address as 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear (D000069). She last spoke with the defendant on May 5, 2021, a month prior to the execution of the search warrant. Detective Graf advised he conducted no surveillance on the address (D000069) which would have confirmed the defendant was present at that location. He then advised he drove by the front of the property (D000069). He was asked if he “had any prior information that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment was in the rear of the property” which he answered, “I did not.” (D000069). Prior to that question, Detective Graf provided the information above which came from database checks he conducted prior to obtaining the arrest warrant which clearly indicated the address as 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear. He stated he looked at the property on Google maps which listed the property in 2019. He also advised he did not know there was a rear door until after the warrant service (D000070).

I reviewed the typed statement of Sergeant Mellody dated 7/12/21. When asked, “Did you have any information that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment was in the rear of the property?” He replied, “Yes.” (D000062). When asked, “Was there any discussion about how to access the 2 floor, rear apartment of 4664 Torresdale Avenue at any time?” He replied, “Yes. I did a recon on the property and I observed a rear door at the location. When I reconed the property there was no signs of that door going to the second floor. There was a bump out on the left side. The door was on the right of the bump out when looking towards the rear of the property. I discussed this with the homicide personnel. The Homicide Unit personnel did not know where the rear door led to.” (D000062).

Sergeant Mellody had first-hand information that the search warrant was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear. He had personally “reconed” the apartment. His observation that day provided him with access to the front and rear of the property. The photograph that was provided on the “SWAT Unit RECON Sheet” which showed a clear view of the front of the building (D000075). His observation should have informed him that the second floor was set back from the front of the building which would provide no access to the 2nd floor from the front of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. He confirmed the search warrant and arrest warrant were for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear (D000062). He confirmed he did not know where the rear door on the first floor led to (D000062). He then advised that he has obtained floor plans in the past for large apartment buildings through the internet

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(D000063). He was then asked, “Were there any signs or indication on the front of the property leading you to believe the 2nd floor could be accessed from the front of the property? He replied, “No.” (D000063). He indicated that he and Lieutenant Monk were the supervisors on scene (D000037). Even though there was no indication that the 2nd floor rear could not be accessed through the 1st floor front of the building, he still allowed the SWAT team to make entry into the front of the building. Because he had the knowledge and ability to obtain building plans, there was a possibility that he could of obtain them for this incident. D000073 showed the recon was conducted by “Clark/Sgt. Melody.”

I reviewed PPD SOP 28 for SWAT Reconnaissance & Intelligence dated 4/11/19. It states;

*“Purpose*

*B. Intelligence is critical when planning a tactical operation and the first step to planning an operation.”*

*“Policy*

*B. The reconnaissance will be performed by members of the SWAT Unit and a second separate reconnaissance will be performed by the Unit Supervisor unless there is an exigent circumstance why a supervisor cannot perform the operation or members of the SWAT Unit cannot be used.”*

*“3. Survey Examples*

*A. There can never be too much tactical information available. Listed in this document are minimum examples of necessary information.*

*1. Location or Site Intelligence - Address - Number of floors - How constructed - Exits, how many, how constructed, where at on the property. - Number of windows, where at, size, fortifications.*

*2 - Dogs, other deterrents to Police - Possible escape points, porch roofs, etc. - Overview of property in relationship to entire block. - Overview of block in relationship to neighborhood - Street types and direction in relationship to location.”*

It appeared that Officer Clark and Sergeant Mellody conducted an incomplete “recon” of the property. Both officers, one being a supervisor, clearly observed the front of the residence prior to the execution of the search warrant. They did not take into consideration how the floors were constructed in relation to one another. SOP 28 also states;

*“5. Method of Reconnaissance.*

*a. Marked Vehicle, Uniformed personnel*

*b. Unmarked vehicle, plainclothes personnel*

*c. Police Helicopter*

*d. Assistance from other members of the Police Department, accompanied by a SWAT Unit member*

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**e. Any ruse or disguise that will enhance the accuracy of the reconnaissance.”**

No methods were documented to ensure they were accurate on how and where they executed the search warrant.

I reviewed the typed statement of LT Monk dated 6/4/21. When asked to describe 4664 Torresdale Avenue, he replied, “It was a two-story row home with two mailboxes on the front. One for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. There was no access to the second-floor apartment from inside of the first floor. The warrant was for the second floor. **We had no information on how to access the 2nd floor then through the main door.**” LT Monk acknowledged the warrant was for the second floor, but had no information on how to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

I reviewed PPD SOP 31 “SWAT Unit Warrant Service” revised 10/20/22 which states:

*“A thorough recon and brief will be conducted before warrant service is attempted...Both SWAT supervisors will obtain a copy of the warrant from the investigators and check it for accuracy and be guided by procedures outlined in SOP 28”*

The following photograph is a picture taken from Google Earth with an imagery date of 6/6/22. I then utilized the “snipping tool” to take a photograph of the image and saved it as a “PNG” file.



As the viewer can see, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is set back from the front of the building a considerable distance. If someone enters through the front door, it clearly shows there would be no entrance way to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is set back. This photograph shows there could be no common foyer where a doorway



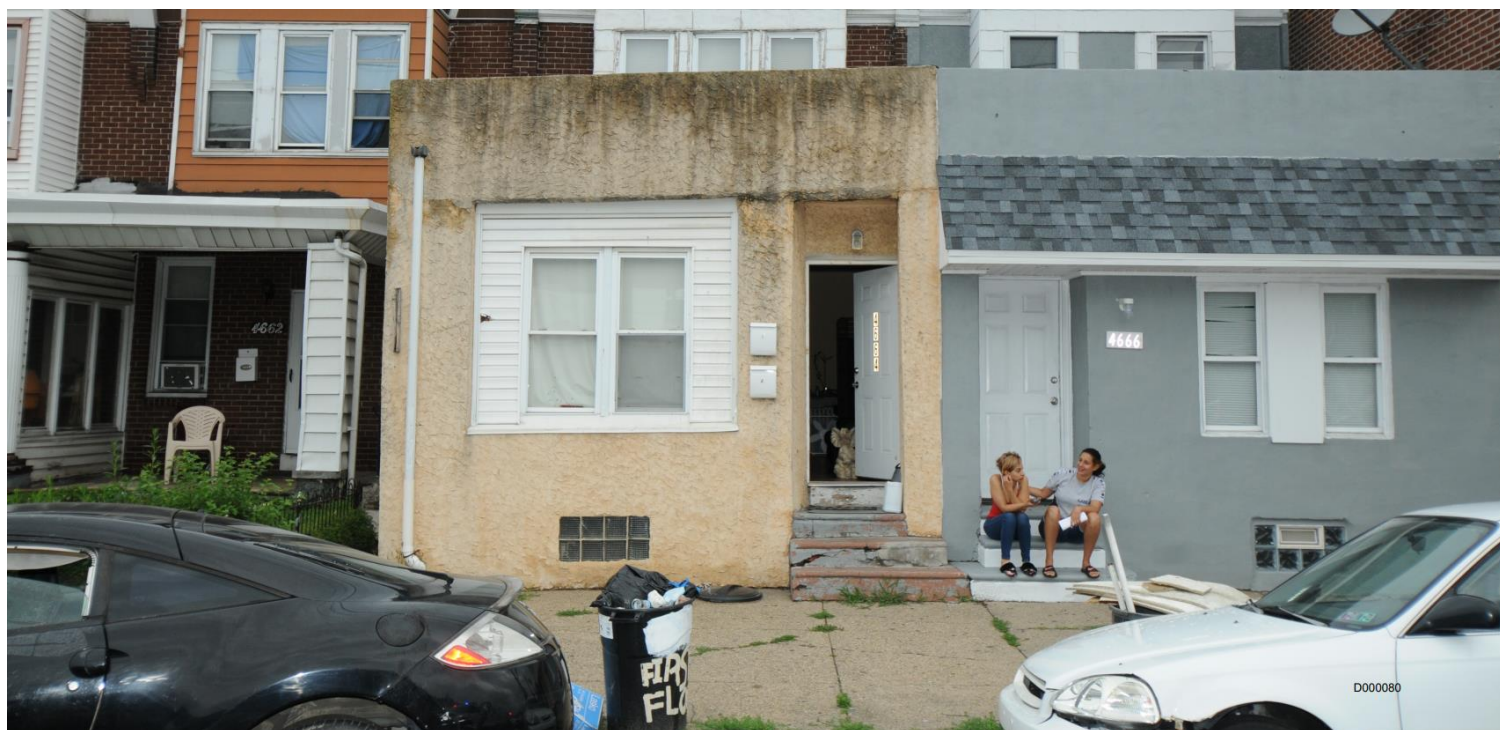
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would exist to access the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartments from the front of the apartment. Sergeant Mellody conducted what he described as “recon” the morning the search warrant was executed. His observation of the front of the residence showed there would be no access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from the front 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

I utilized the “snipping tool” and photographed the picture as provided in discovery of D000080 which depicts the front of the residence on the day of the incident. I then saved it as a “PNG” file. It clearly shows the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is set back from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor front of the residence. Sergeant Mellody conducted “recon” on the day of the incident and this depicts his viewpoint.



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I utilized the “snipping tool” and photographed the picture as provided in discovery of D000084 which depicts the front door of the residence that was struck with a ram by Officer Clark on the day of the incident. I then saved it as a “PNG” file.



I utilized the “snipping tool” and photographed the picture as provided in discovery of D000085 which depicts the front door frame of the residence that was struck with a ram by Officer Clark on the day of the incident. I then saved it as a “PNG” file.



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I utilized “snipping tool” to take a photograph of the picture provided in discovery of D000087. This photograph depicts the view point from the front of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment as entrance is made inside. I saved it as a “PNG” file. A stairway would have to be located by the kitchen entrance toward the rear of the residence to gain access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor because it is set back from the front of the building.







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I utilized “snipping tool” to take a photograph of the picture provided in discovery of D000098. This photograph depicts the rear of the residence and rear door into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. I saved it as a “PNG” file.





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I also utilized Google Earth to take a photograph of the rear of the residence with “snipping tool.” I then saved it as a “PNG” file.



I reviewed the typed statement of Sergeant Mellody to Internal Affairs dated 7/12/21. He was asked, “Was there any indication that a dog was present before the SWAT Unit entered 4664 Torresdale Avenue while you were outside the property?” He answered, “**Yes. A dog was barking.**” I also reviewed the typed statement of Lieutenant Monk dated 6/4/21. He was asked, “Upon your arrival at 4664 Torresdale Avenue, what did you see and do?” He replied, “Upon arrival, Officer Clark approached the door, knocked and announced “Police, with a warrant, open the door”. **At that point, I could hear a dog barking and I gave the order to breach.** Upon entry, we were met by a light brown colored pit-bull mix in the living room area. The dog immediately went after Officer Song biting his lower right leg. I continued past Officer Song where I encountered a white female in the kitchen area. She was on the floor behind a fence that separated the living from the kitchen. I proceeded past her and cleared the property. Once I encountered the female, I heard a single shot from behind me.”

I reviewed the transcript deposition of Sergeant Brian Mellody dated October 11, 2023. At the beginning of the deposition, he stated he believed all policies and procedures were followed (Page 9). He advised there was nothing inconsistent from his training (Page 10). Sergeant Mellody confirmed he and Officer Clark did the “recon” (Page 15). He stated he inspected the front by riding past the residence then exited his vehicle and walked to the rear to observe that (Page 18). Sergeant Mellody confirmed he heard the

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knock then Officer Clark and Murry performed the breach (Page 24). He advised LT Monk made the decision to breach the door (Page 33), but he (Mellody) was the one who had made the decision to go to the front door to execute the warrant (Page 34). He stated the search warrant stated rear while the “recon” sheet stated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear (Page 36). When asked if he knew about the suspect being on parole, he stated he did not (Page 38). He stated if he knew of the parole information it could have changed the plans (Page 44). Sergeant Mellody advised the front of the residence is one story (Page 68). He explained he heard LT Monk give the command to breach the door (Page 74).

I reviewed the deposition of Lieutenant Demetrius Monk dated 5/19/2023. He was asked, “If you're attempting to enter an apartment for which you do have a valid warrant, as a member of the Philadelphia Police Department, pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department, as you understand them based on your training, are you allowed to go into someone else's apartment that is not subject to the warrant?” He replied, “Let me back up. **At the time it was unknown whether the entrance was within the first-floor apartment or not.** So, I would go with we were legally -- we had legal bounds to be in that apartment.” (Page 20). He confirmed he knew the search warrant was for the second floor (Page 19). (Again, PPD Directive 5.7 pertaining to search warrant states, **“the executing officer have no doubt as to who or what can be seized and where they may be found.”**) He was also asked, “So you believe that you were legally allowed to be in apartment one, first floor” which he responded, “Yes.” (Page 20).

Lieutenant Monk was asked, “So prior to entering Ms. Alvarado's apartment, you understood that legally you are not allowed to go anywhere on the property, other than the second-floor rear apartment, correct?” He replied, “That's correct.” (Page 25). He was asked, “And did you believe that the breached private residence was the second-floor rear apartment?” He replied, “At the time, we did not know the second floor was in the rear.” (Page 27) **(As previously shown photographs of the residence, it clearly indicates that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor could not be located at the front as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was set back from the front of the residence.** When the door to the residence was breached, officers knew then as they entered into a residence and not a common hallway or foyer. Yet, they continued through the 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment clearing all rooms including the rear of the residence.) Lieutenant Monk was asked, “However, assuming that it was true, if it was possible to access the second-floor rear apartment through Ms. Alvarado's first floor apartment, would you legally have been allowed to go through the first-floor apartment, in order to get there, without a warrant?” He replied, “No.” (Page 34). Lieutenant Monk was asked, “Sir, what is the point of doing reconnaissance prior to a warrant enforcement job?” He replied, “To identify the properties, the specific property, any difficulties we may have on approach, to get a layout of what the rear may look like and the general neighborhood.” (Page 36). (It was already established the Sergeant Mellody and Officer Clark conducted the “Recon” of the residence. If done properly, a rear door would have been observed that could show how to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear, and also that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear was set back from the front of the residence.) Lieutenant Monk also confirmed he ordered the breach. (Page 37).

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I again reviewed the search warrant which was approved on June 3, 2021. It stated the warrant shall be served only between the hours of 6AM and 6PM (D000058). I also reviewed the video surveillance (A10\_20210604053500\_002, Camera 10) provided from the corner Deli store which shows the SWAT Unit approaching the residence at 5:36:21 AM. (The time of the video surveillance was not confirmed with the actual time, but the video clearly shows it was daylight outside.) If “recon” by Sergeant Mellody was conducted when it was dark, it clearly now shows that any reasonable person could determine that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was set back from the front first floor of the building, therefore, no access could be made into a common foyer or area that would provide immediate access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear.

I reviewed the “Defendant Officer Edward Song’s answers and objections to plaintiff’s interrogatories and requests for production of documents.” On page 8 he was asked, “If you believe that it was lawful for you to enter Plaintiff’s home and/or kill her dog, please specify: A. Why you believe it was lawful for you to enter Plaintiff’s home, and/or B. Why you believe it was lawful for you to kill Plaintiff’s dog?” The answer provided was *“Notwithstanding these objections, and without waiving the same, Defendant responds that he entered the front door to 4664 Torresdale Avenue in good faith and under the belief that it was the common entrance to both the first- and second-floor apartments; that this belief was reasonable given the appearance of the front door facing Torresdale Avenue, which read “4664,” was situated immediately to the right of two mailboxes, and lacked any other markings on the door indicating it to be the entrance to the first floor apartment only.*

I reviewed the transcript deposition of Detective Timothy Scally dated 9/28/23. Detective Scally advised he conducted the probation check (Page 20) and did not know the defendant had been on house arrest (Page 21). He indicated he did not know the entrance to the apartment was on Margaret Street (Page 30). He advised if he had the information from probation, he would have known the entrance was at the rear (Page 31). Detective Scally stated there was no specific policy for preparing a warrant and obtaining all available information (Page 35). **\*\* PPD has Directive 5.22 for preparing arrest warrants and Directive 5.7 for preparing search warrants. \*\*** He advised he knew the search warrant was for the 2nd floor-rear (Page 37). Detective Scally explained that if he had the probation information and google maps view, the proper way to enter the residence would be through the rear.

Detective Scally stated the only way they determined the location of the apartment was they drove past the building (Page 40). He indicated he would not have contacted the property owner for safety reasons. He confirmed the area of the front door to the building is one story (Page 45). He believed the front door led to a vestibule area through his experience. He advised the SWAT Unit’s knock and announce was consistent with what he observed from his experience (Page 51). He stated he obtained no search warrant for the suspect’s cell phone or IP addresses (57). He believed that 5-7 seconds was a reasonable opportunity to surrender the premises (Page 75).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Patrick Saba dated 5/16/23. He had been identified as a member of the PPD SWAT Unit since 2018. He was shown a photograph of the front of the residence located at 4664 Torresdale Avenue (Saba Exhibit 2). He was asked, “So do you think it would be reasonable for someone



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to believe that this second -- that this door led to the second floor of a building?" He replied, "No. It wouldn't be reasonable." (Page 42). He also confirmed there were no exigent circumstances that required any sort of emergency. (Page 55 & 56).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Matthew Fitzpatrick dated 5/17/23. He was asked, "When you have done reconnaissance at multi-residence properties as part of that, would you try to determine what apartment the warrant was valid for?" He replied, "So we do it on apartments, you have to make sure when you're doing reconnaissance you have to know the specific apartment. If it's unclear, then we will contact the detectives back and we will ask them, you know, if it's not in the warrant they will have to redo the warrant. And if it's not clear then we end up not doing it." (Page 29 & 30). He was then asked, "So if you did have a warrant and did specify a specific floor and apartment number, as part of your reconnaissance would you make sure that you understood how to get to that specific floor and apartment before you sent a team in there? He replied, "Yes. So, if it's a specific apartment, we will have to make sure when we are doing the reconnaissance that we are going to that specific apartment that the warrant is for. (Page 30). Officer Fitzpatrick was then asked, "And what kind of steps have you personally taken to try to figure that out in multi-residence properties?" He replied, "Usually it's unclear. So, if it's like, you know, apartment one and there's a one and a two and it's not marked, usually I will tell my supervisor usually that is -- I will tell them like hey, this isn't clear. He will end up contacting the detectives back. If it's unclear which house it is, then we usually will work with the detectives. But if they can't give us a specific answer, then we will just not do the warrant and we will say you didn't give us more information." (Page 31). He was then asked, "But what I want to ask you actually is if you were part of a reconnaissance team and you knew you had a warrant that was for a second-floor rear apartment and you knew that the apartment building had a rear door, would you investigate whether or not if the rear door was the proper access to the rear apartment?" He replied, "Yes. So, if I was on a reconnaissance and I saw that it said second floor rear door, then I would definitely tell my supervisor and say, hey, listen, there's a door in the rear that leads to the second floor. He would end up talking to the detectives and they would have to hash it out from there." (Page 32).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Heriberto Quintana dated 5/23/23. He was asked, "Prior to arriving at the property, did you know whether or not there was a rear door?" He replied, "Yes." He was asked, "What were you told about the -- how did you know there was a rear door?" He replied, "Based on the description given during the reconnaissance and on the reconnaissance sheet." He was also asked, "And what were you told about the rear door prior to the operation?" He responded, "Not much. Just that it was accessible from the rear driveway, the view of the rear, including the rear door. Nothing else in particular about it." (Page 16). Officer Quintana was asked, "And during that briefing, did you learn one way or another whether or not the warrant specified a specific apartment number?" He replied, "It did not specify a specific apartment." (Page 27). (***This information is inconsistent with the signed search warrant for the residence.*** It states on at least three occasions that the search warrant specified the "2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear.)

Officer Quintana was asked, "So with that background in mind and the personal experience you've already referred to, if you were tasked with doing a reconnaissance on a multi residence apartment building, where



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the warrant specified that it only applied to the apartment number two, second floor rear, and you knew that there was a rear door and you knew that there was a front door to the building, would you at least consider the possibility that the front door did not provide entrance to the second floor rear apartment?" He replied, "Yes, I would consider that." (Page 32). He was also asked, "So would you try to get additional information, in that situation, prior to sending out the SWAT Unit to do a warrant enforcement operation?" He replied, "Yes." (Page 33). When he was asked what additional steps he would take, Officer Quintana replied, "If I have access to that information, I'd probably look up like a city database and find out exactly what type of dwelling it is. Ask the detectives to possibly set up a surveillance to see if they make a determination, based on the surveillance, what entrance to use specifically for something like that." (Page 33). When he was asked if reconnaissance was to sort out issues ahead of time, he agreed to that statement. (Page 37). When Officer Quintana was asked about what type of guidance he had received on training when it came to conducting reconnaissance, he replied, "In regards to recon, just basically what kind of things to look for when it came to that, how to access any particular, I guess you could say, additional entryways. For example, if we use -- if we were to serve a warrant in a multi-story dwelling, then we have to make a determination of how to get into the first door, how to get into a second door, if needed, and then how to access that particular floor that the apartment is on. That's something that all has to get taken into consideration." (Page 53).

I reviewed the deposition of Probation Officer Dana Shannon dated 9/15/23. She confirmed the "File Notes" pertaining to the suspect in this case stated that the field team went to the residence of the defendant on April 25, 2019. The location stated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment (rear entrance off Margaret St.) (Page 18). She advised she never went to the residence (Page 20) and told Detective Graf she had never been to the residence (Page 22). She also told Detective Graf she personally never verified the address. Officer Shannon advised Detective Graf never requested the records (Page 25), but if asked, she would have told Detective Graf it was confirmed at that time (Page 26).

I then reviewed the "File Notes" pertaining to the suspect in this case. The following were notations of importance to this case and are summarized below:

1. 6/2/21 PP is suspect in a murder. PO told him we have only had contact with PP by phone. We could not confirm his address by a field visit.
2. 5/5/21 PP stated his address and phone number are the same.
3. 4/27/21 PP gave phone number 267-770-2861.
4. 7/31/20 PP gave email of blockzombie215@gmail.com.
5. 6/22/20 PP gave address 4664 Torresdale Ave, rear
6. 4/25/19 Field Team provided location of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment (rear entrance off Margaret St.)

The "File Notes" provided a cell phone number for the defendant where suspects can be tracked to their location. He also provided an email address where IP addresses can be tracked to a location. Notations also provided information that the apartment was at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment (rear entrance off Margaret

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Street.) I found no documentation that Detective Graf followed any of these steps for the cell phone or IP addresses.

I reviewed the deposition of Felishatay Alvarado dated 8/11/23. She advised she moved into the apartment in March of 2021. She advised she added different numbers on the address that were bolder as the previous numbers were faded (Page 19). Alvarado indicated the numbers on the mailboxes were the same (Page 20). When asked if she ever had anyone knock on her door looking for people on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, she answered, "No." (Page 21). She advised she was in her bathroom when she heard her bird scream (Page 43). She advised her dog barked prior to the police officers breaching her door (Page 44). She stated the "Beware of Dog" sign was up on the date of this incident (Page 87).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Eric Clark dated 9/21/23. He confirmed he and Sergeant Mellody conducted the reconnaissance for the execution of this search warrant (Page 38). Officer Clark stated he knew there was a rear door to the residence (Page 46) and that they inspected the property (Page 47). He also confirmed he knew the search warrant was for the rear of the residence (Page 49). He advised he did not know about the Parole Office having records about the entrance in the rear (Page 53). He advised if he knew Parole had information about the entrance being in the rear, it would have affected how they did the entry. When asked, "Did you, as part of your reconnaissance, investigate whether there might be a door to enter the property off Margaret Street?" He responded, "So I would say since I believe that in front of the property there's two mailboxes, so the properties, numerous properties that we had apartments set up like that and we see two mailboxes, you wouldn't think that, okay, that the entrance to the second-floor apartment is in the rear because the mailbox is not there, it's on the front of the property. So, we were expecting -- well, what I was expecting when I breached the door, that we go in, there was going to be probably a door to the right where there's the first-floor apartment and then a set of steps we had to go up to get to the second floor." (Page 58). He was then asked, "Given that you knew that the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property had a front door and a rear door and had multiple apartments in it and that your warrant was only for the rear apartment, didn't it show reckless disregard for the residents of the apartments in that building that you did not investigate whether or not the proper entrance point was through the front door or the rear door." He responded, "Because like I said, there's two mailboxes on the front of the property. Who gets their mail from the front of the property and has to walk all the way back to the rear of the property, like, I mean, that doesn't make sense. So, a reasonable person would believe, okay, to get to apartment 1, it's probably going to say Apartment 1 and 2 Apartment 2, they're going to go through the front door and go up some steps or go to the right, whatever the case may be, whatever the case may be. A reasonable person that sees two mailboxes -- like I'm pretty sure the mailman is not walking to the back of the property, he's putting the mail in the front mailbox.

Officer Clark was later asked, "Okay. So, under your understanding of the United States Constitution, would the warrant that was issued to enter [REDACTED] residence, were you legally allowed to enter Ms. Alvarado's first floor apartment?" He responded, "No. The warrant wasn't for the first floor, it was for the second floor." (Page 96) He also confirmed he heard the dog barking prior to breaching the door (Page 98).

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He advised he was not aware of any PPD SOP on dog encounters and has not received any training on dog encounters (99).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Joshua Burkitt dated 9/20/23. He confirmed the search warrant indicated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear apartment (Page 23). He agreed if he had all the information that was available now, he would have assumed that the entrance to the apartment would be in the rear (Page 31). He advised there were no exigent circumstances to enter the apartment on the first floor and they had no legal grounds to enter (Page 53).

I reviewed the deposition of Jaclyn Matteo Hand, Probation/Parole Officer, dated 9/27/23. She indicated she would conduct the investigation of the defendant and provide the information to the field team (Page 5). She also stated the field team would inspect the residence (Page 6). Officer Matteo Hand advised she spoke with the mother of the defendant who advised the entrance to their apartment was in the alleyway (Page 8). She stated she completed the "Home Investigation Interview" with the mother in April of 2019. She advised the information would have been available to probation (Page 13). She indicated if someone asked where the defendant lived, they could have pulled the document and provided the information of the entrance off Margaret Street (Page 21).

I reviewed the "Home Investigation Interview" document which Officer Matteo Hand advised she completed for the field team. It stated the interview was completed with Shiela Washington who was the mother (Page 1). It also listed the address as: **4664 Torresdale Ave. Rear apartment (2 floors) Phila PA 19124 (go up alleyway to knock on door).** It also provided the legal owner of the property as: NAME: Mirela Pajo, Contact #: 267-303-2120 (Page 2). It also lists under household structure: rear apartment – 2 floors (Page 4). Where it asks where the defendant would sleep, it states: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor back bedroom (Page 4).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Cyprian Scott dated 9/21/23. He stated he was informed of the search warrant the night prior when he came to work at 11pm (Page 12). He was aware they were going to a 2-story residence (Page 14). He believed the residence only had one door and he had no other information about another door (Page 21). He admitted the front portion of the residence was only one story (Page 26). When told that probation and inspection records specifically said that entry to this apartment was to the rear of the building on Margaret Street, he stated he was not aware of it (Page 31). Officer Scott stated he would have gone to the rear door if they had the information (Page 32). He indicated that the PPD has provided him with training on enforcing warrants on multi-residence properties (Page 35). He was asked, "And based on the training you've received from the Philadelphia Police Department in the SWAT Unit, would it be important for you and the rest of the SWAT team to avoid if at all possible, entering the wrong apartment number?" He replied, "Yes." (Page 39) Officer Scott also indicated it would be unconstitutional to go into another apartment (Page 39). He indicated that he has executed thousands of warrants and never has been to the rear of the residence to enter (Page 40). He advised he would not breach a door if it led into another apartment (Page 50).

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I reviewed the deposition of Detective Francis Graf dated 9/28/03. He explained he had no prior knowledge of the rear door to the residence (Page 20). He advised he doesn't ever recall going through the rear entrance of a property like that (Page 21). He indicated the warrant was for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor rear (Page 23). When asked, "Were officers allowed to enter other apartments that happened to be in the same building?" He responded, "No." (Page 24) He specifically stated that the SWAT Unit plans the entries (Page 25). He did not recall if the suspect had a cell phone, but did not complete a phone warrant (Page 33). Detective Graf indicated he did not recall any social media sites for the suspect (Page 33). (If he did, it was not documented). He advised he did not check IP addresses for the suspect and no one conducted physical surveillance (Page 33). Detective Graf stated he did not contact the property owner. He stated if he had the information from parole that the access was through the alleyway, it would have led to believe the entrance was off Margaret Street (Page 46). He explained the "knock and announce rule" meant a reasonable amount of time (Page 67).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Miguel Rivera dated 8/18/23. Officer Rivera advised he was assigned to the rear of the apartment when he heard a single gunshot (Page 13). He stated the entry team then came around the back of the residence (Page 13). He stated the "recon" is to figure out what doors lead to which apartments (Page 25). Officer Rivera stated at times they had contacted the property owners (Page 26). When he was asked, "Can you enter any -- any portion of the building, even if the warrant applied only to Apartment 2, second floor rear?" He responded, "No." (Page 30) He confirmed that there was no 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor directly above the front door (Page 35). Officer Rivera stated sometimes they monitor residences for when people are coming and going (Page 37). When Officer Rivera was asked, "If it's not possible ahead of time to determine whether a front door leads into an occupied apartment or a common area, should you, if possible, delay the operation until reconnaissance is able to make that determination in order to avoid entering the apartment of someone who is not subject to a warrant?" He responded, "Yes." (Page 43). He indicated he has had no training on dog encounters.

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Jose Hamoy dated 8/17/23. When asked if he knew whether or not the Philadelphia Police Department has ever issued any directives pertaining to how Philadelphia Police Department officers should handle encounters with dogs?" He responded, "Yes, I believe so" and advised he has other tools to deal with dogs (Page 16). He indicated he has received training from the PPD on how to enforce warrants on multi-residence buildings (Page 21). He stated that sometimes the detective or supervisor would contact the property owner (Page 37). He stated he knew there was a rear door (Page 43). Officer Hamoy advised if he saw the warrant and knew there was a rear door, he would have gone to the rear door (Page 51). When he was asked, "What is the knock-and-announce rule in your experience?" He responded, "We always knock and announce at least three times before we wait for an order from a supervisor to breach." **(That is not consistent what happened in this incident according to the video.)** When asked, "And did you ever receive any training as to how much time you should allow to pass between, pursuant to the knock-and-announce rule, between knocking on someone's front door and breaching their property?" He responded, "To the best of my recollection, reasonable time." (Page 54) He was asked, "Okay. Can you recall at this time how much time passed between, if any, between Ms.

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Alvarado's front door being knocked on and her door being knocked down with the SWAT unit ram?" He responded, "I cannot recall it specifically, sir." Then he was asked, "Do you recall whether or not it was a reasonable amount of time?" He responded, "Yeah. It would be reasonable, sir, to the best of my recollection." (Page 56) He explained that other than serving a warrant for a warrant for a homicide there was no exigent circumstances (Page 57). Officer Hamoy agreed that the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor was pushed back from the front door (Page 67). He again advised on this warrant he would have gone to the rear of the residence (Page 68).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Brian Murray dated 8/11/23. He identified himself as one of the breachers (page 9). He later stated that Officer Clark conducted the knock and announce and the breach of the door (Page 13). He advised he knew the search warrant was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Page 9). Officer Murray stated he was expecting to enter into a common entry point (Page). He indicated he was the last one to enter the residence (Page 10). He advised when he did enter into the residence, he knew it was not a common entry (10). He stated that he believed that LT Monk gave the order to breach the door (Page 15).

When Officer Murray was asked, "And why was that, why would you allow a period of time before the breach?" He responded, "We give enough time to try and get someone to comply and open the door. Ideally someone will open the door as opposed to us having to breach the door." (Page 18) He could not recall any exigent circumstances (Page 20) and indicated that a reasonable amount of time would be 30 seconds (Page 20). He stated he had no knowledge of a video of the incident (Page 20). He explained a dog was barking prior to breaching the door (Page 24). He advised he is trained to utilize OC spray on dogs to avoid a lethal encounter and they keep a dog noose in the truck (Page 27). Officer Murray advised he had no knowledge of the dog policy (Page 34). He explained he has never contacted a property owner and was unaware the suspect was on parole (Page 55). When he was asked, "Based on your experience and training with the Philadelphia Police Department, if you heard a dog barking inside of a property, would that be any reason to cut short the amount of time under the knock and announce rule between knocking on the property and breaching the door?" He responded, "No." (Page 60).

I reviewed the PPD Directive 5.7 pertaining to "search warrants" which states:

*"B. All search warrants will be obtained and executed by police personnel in accordance with the procedures established in this directive and the applicable **rules of Pennsylvania Criminal Procedure (Pa. R. Crim. P. 2001 to 2010)** which can be found in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. (D000155).*

#### 4. *Particularity of the Search Warrant*

*B. The premises or person to be seized and the items to be seized must be specifically described in the warrant so that the judge if bail commissioner and the **executing officer have no doubt as to who or what can be seized and where they may be found.***

##### 1. *Descriptions of buildings should include:*



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- a. *street name and number of (no intersections.) When possible, where search will take place (vehicle/building), use exact numerical location.*
- b. *number of stories – apartment number*
- C. *type of construction (brick, wood, etc.)*
- d. *type of property (single home, apartments, twin structure, etc.)*
- e. *particular markings, color, or any additional information which serve to identify the particular premise.*

I reviewed the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 205, Contents of Search Warrant which states:

*(A) Each search warrant shall be signed by the issuing authority and shall:*

*(1) specify the date and time of issuance;*

*(2) identify specifically the property to be seized;*

*(3) **name or describe with particularity the person or place to be searched;***

*(4) direct that the search be executed either;*

*(a) within a specified period of time, **not to exceed 2 days from the time of issuance**, or;*

*(b) when the warrant is issued for a prospective event, only after the specified event has occurred.<sup>5</sup>*

The search warrant described the exact place to be searched which was described in the search warrant on three occasions listed as 4664 Torresdale Ave, **2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear**. It was unreasonable for the officers to believe that they could obtained entry into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor front of the building as the photos of the front of the residence indicate. As stated in Directive 5.7, “*the executing officer **have no doubt as to who or what can be seized and where they may be found.***”

From reviewing the statements of the officers involved, specifically LT Monk, who advised, “*At the time it was unknown whether the entrance was within the first-floor apartment or not,*” there was at least ambiguity on the part of the officers of how to gain access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear. This is not consistent with the policy of PPD which states:

“*the executing officer **have no doubt as to who or what can be seized and where they may be found.***”

As part of their policy, the officers had the ability to obtain more background information prior to executing the search warrant. There appeared to be ambiguity on their part, but still executed the search warrant. No physical surveillance was conducted as Sergeant Mellody and Officer Clark only drove by the front of the residence and Detective Graf also only drove past the front of the residence. No officers

<sup>5</sup> Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 205, Contents of Search Warrants

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advised they conducted surveillance. It is understandable that they did not want to contact the property owner the night prior and risk notifying the suspect of the warrant, but also attempted no other “**ruse or disguise that will enhance the accuracy of the reconnaissance**” as stated in the policy.

As specified in Rule 205, the search warrant was valid for 2 days. The detectives who obtained the warrants, the officers who conducted the reconnaissance, and the officers who executed the search warrant, specifically LT Monk and Sergeant Mellody, had ample time to further their investigation and obtain more thorough and complete information.

A reasonable and thorough investigation by Detective Scally would have included asking the parole officer how to enter into the residence. His own statement confirmed if he had the now known information, he would have known entry was in the rear of the residence. By not doing so was a violation of the PPD policy which also led to an unconstitutional entry into the residence of Ms. Alvarado.

**Opinion #2 SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by executing the search warrant by forcibly ramming the door and not allowing her a reasonable amount of time to voluntarily surrender her residence which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**

The following is a timing sequence of the events as captured by the video surveillance, A10\_20210604053500\_002, Camera 10. All times are approximations.

**TIMING SEQUENCE**

<b>Camera Time</b>	<b>Time Counter</b>	<b>Description</b>
5:36:19	1:18	Philadelphia SWAT arrive at residence
5:37:13	2:12	SWAT is in a stack in front of residence
5:37:19	2:18	Officer knocks and announces
5:37:21	2:20	Officer Clark begins to move toward the front door to utilize the ram after order given to breach by LT Monk
5:37:27	2:26	1st ram of the door
5:37:29	2:28	2nd ram of the door
5:37:33	2:32	Officers begin to enter residence
5:39:11	4:10	Officers begin to exit residence

Although I did not observe it written on the search warrant, SWAT officers were conducting a “knock and announce” search warrant for 4664 Torresdale Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear as stated in the Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Report. (D000003). Officers knocked and announced at 5:37:19AM. Officer Clark began to walk toward the front door with the ram after the order was given to breach it. He then rammed



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the door the first time at 5:37:27AM. They only gave the resident 2 seconds before the order was given to breach the door and 8 seconds before they began to strike the door with the ram. It is unreasonable to think the resident could answer the door that quickly, specifically that time of the morning, and more importantly, no exigent circumstances existed.

In a review of the typed statement of LT Monk (D000044), he advised, "At that point, I could hear a dog barking and I gave the order to breach." A review of the typed statement of Sergeant Mellody (D000063), he advised he knew a dog was present when he was outside the property when he heard it barking. Due to the fact that this was a "knock and announce" search warrant, the resident must be given a reasonable amount of time to answer the door. The dog barking did not give away any tactical disadvantage and jeopardize the lives of the officers as they were already knocking and announcing their presence. Although attempting to apprehend a murder suspect is in itself dangerous, the situation did not become more dangerous by the dog barking whereby no exigent circumstances existed.

I again reviewed the transcript deposition of Sergeant Mellody. He confirmed from his previous interview to the shoot team that when they conducted the knock and announce there was no response (Page 20). When he was asked to explain the knock and announce rule, he stated, "Well, knock and announce rule is like a reasonable amount of time to take a door in a search warrant." (Page 51) Sergeant Mellody explained he obtained that information from training with the PPD. He explained he received training about knock and announce warrants while at SWAT school (Page 56). He stated knock and announce is no specific time just reasonable time to answer the door (Page 59). When he was asked, "Under the knock and announce rule, are you obligated to give the occupant of the property a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily surrender the property before you break down the door?" He responded, "Yes." (Page 59). Sergeant Mellody also stated, "When we do knock and announce, we give them a reasonable amount of time to answer the door to surrender to us." (Page 59). He advised he never saw SWAT not follow the knock and announce rule (61) and believed it was followed that day (Page 62). **(He had not observed the video at that time).** He advised there were no exigent circumstances (Page 74). He explained he has had no dog encounter training and does not remember the dog policy (Page 88). He stated he had no other tools like a dog noose or OC spray to utilize (Page 90). He confirmed the SWAT SOP for knock and announce stated 30 seconds to wait (Page 95). Sergeant Mellody did not remember if 30 seconds was utilized before the breach (Page 96). He was asked, "In your experience, the door would be knocked on at least three times before you break someone's door down; right?" He responded, "Three or more." (Page 98)

Sergeant Mellody explained he did not know about the video of the search warrant until the deposition (Page 106). When he was shown the video, he expressed "Little quick from what I would do." (Page 110) When asked, "Assuming there were no exigent circumstances, was this consistent with the knock and announce rule policies from the Philadelphia Police Department?" He responded, "No." (Page 115). He was asked, "Was this consistent with your experience, as a member of the SWAT unit, as far as how a warrant enforcement action would normally be done?" He responded, "No." (Page 115) Sergeant Mellody was asked, "So you believe that what you saw was a knock and announce consistent with the policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department?" He responded, "So I'm going to say visually looking at

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that video, no, but I don't know what the circumstances were and what the Lieutenant was thinking at that time.” (Page 115)

A review of the memorandum prepared by Lieutenant Kevin Hall (Commanding Officer of Internal Affairs) dated 1/3/23, he advised Lieutenant Jason Hendershot of the OISI contacted the property owner, identified as Armin Maroli, (D000117). Maroli stated he purchased the property 2-3 years ago (2018-2019) as a duplex and no modifications had been made indicating that there was never any access between the two (2) apartments. As stated by Sergeant Mellody, he has obtained building plans in the past for apartment buildings. If plans were obtained for this residence or contact made with the property owner, information would have been obtained that showed no access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear could have been obtained from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor front.

I reviewed the PPD Directive 5.17 related to “Wanted Persons.” It clearly states, “Make every effort to determine the location of the wanted subject, prior to obtaining the warrant.”<sup>6</sup> Although Detective Graf stated in the arrest warrant that he conducted database checks with BMV, prison release records, and a conversation with probation officer, he did not make every effort to determine the fugitive’s location as outlined in the directive. Being a former homicide detective for 14 years, it is common knowledge that suspects are often apprehended utilizing the cellphone records to provide their locations with cell site tower information, cell phone “pings”, and call detail records which was not documented by detectives. The search warrant specifically stated the officers were attempting to locate a “cellular phone” along with other evidence. This insinuates they were aware that the suspect had a cell phone and may be utilized to track his location. It is often common knowledge that suspects are often tracked utilizing their social media accounts that provide who they are communicating with and IP addresses utilized by their accounts that can be tracked to an address. A neighborhood canvass was not documented to determine if any persons observed the suspect at that 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear apartment. Certainly, no physical surveillance was conducted to determine if the suspect was seen entering or exiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear apartment. Further, any reasonable investigation of the suspect’s whereabouts would have included, at bare minimum, obtaining all information from the Probation / Parole Office with regards to how the suspect’s apartment could be entered. It is blatantly indifferent to the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment for the City of Philadelphia to have failed to have required its detectives to obtain such basic information in conducting reconnaissance under the circumstances presented here.

I reviewed the PPD Directive 5.22 related to “Arrest Warrants.” It clearly reads, “Regarding omissions, investigators shall include in all warrant applications highly relevant facts within his or her knowledge that any reasonable officer knows that a magistrate would need to make an independent determination of probable cause. This included all culpable information as well as exculpable information.”<sup>7</sup> Again, it is not known whether the suspect had a cellphone, social media accounts, neighbors who saw him at the

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<sup>6</sup> Philadelphia Police Department Directive, 5.17, Wanted Persons dated 11/20/00

<sup>7</sup> Philadelphia Police Department Directive 5.22, Arrest Warrants dated 9/1/20

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residence, or physical surveillance that was conducted to place the suspect at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear apartment. I am merely stating that these procedures, if done, were not documented.

Also in the Directive 5.22, it states;

*“PRIOR TO OBTAINING THE ARREST WARRANT*

*A. Sworn personnel will ensure that a complete and timely investigation has taken place. The information concerning the suspect and his/her location, as well as any information noted on the 75-572 and 75-51 must be accurate, reliable and contemporary.*

*B. Areas of investigation should **include but are not limited to:***

*1. Motor vehicle checks*

*2. Voter registration checks*

*3. Welfare files*

*4. School records*

*5. Employment records*

*6. Utility bills*

*7. Interviews with family, friends, co-workers, etc.*

*8. Informants*

*9. Surveillance*

*10. Jailtrak system*

*11. Coles Directory*

*12. Fiche File*

*13. Intelligence check (associates, areas frequented)*

*14. Criminal record check - photos, extracts*

*15. Driver's license*

*16. Firearms checks*

**17. Probation/Parole**

*NOTE: These types of investigations should also be used to supplement an officer's efforts concerning "due diligence" requirements after the warrant has been obtained."*

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Although some of these steps were taken, many others were not such as interviews with family, friends, and co-workers, surveillance, informants, intelligence checks, and probation/parole notes which goes toward “make every effort to determine the location of the wanted subject, **prior to obtaining the warrant.**”<sup>8</sup>

I reviewed PPD Directive 5.7 related to “Search Warrants” dated 4/29/16. The directive states;

*“B. Knock and Announce*

1. *The purpose of the Knock and announce” rule is to prevent the violence and physical injury to police and occupants, **to protect the occupant’s expectation of privacy, to prevent property damage resulting from a forced entry and to give the occupants an opportunity to surrender the premises.***
2. *The manner of the entry is provided from in Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and is as follows:*
  - a. *A law enforcement officer executing a search warrant shall, before entry give or make reasonable effort to give, notice of their identity, authority and purpose to any occupant of the premises specified in the arrant, **UNLESS exigent circumstances require immediate forcible entry.***
  - b. ***Such officer shall wait a response for a reasonable period of time after their announcement before gaining entry into the property.***
  - c. *If the officer is not admitted after such a reasonable period of time, they may forcibly enter the premises and may use such physical force to effect entry therein as is necessary to execute the search warrant.*

***NOTE: The courts have not precisely and uniformly determined the exact period of time that can be considered “reasonable.”***

I reviewed the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 207 which states;

*“Rule 207 - Manner of Entry into Premises*

- (A) *A law enforcement officer executing a search warrant shall, before entry, give, or make reasonable effort to give, notice of the officer's identity, authority, and purpose to any occupant of the premises specified in the warrant, unless exigent circumstances require the officer's immediate forcible entry.*
- (B) *Such officer shall await a response for **a reasonable period of time** after this announcement of identity, authority, and purpose, **unless exigent circumstances require the officer's immediate forcible entry.***

<sup>8</sup> Philadelphia Police Department Directive 5.17, Wanted Persons dated 11/20/00

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(C) If the officer is not admitted after such reasonable period, the officer may forcibly enter the premises and may use as much physical force to effect entry therein as is necessary to execute the search.<sup>9</sup>

See generally *Commonwealth v. DeMichel*, 277 A.2d 159 (Pa. 1971) with regard to paragraphs (A) and (B). Concerning paragraph (C), see *Commonwealth v. Newman*, 240 A.2d 795 (Pa. 1968)."

\*\* Although these court cases are older cases, these are the ones noted under the Pennsylvania Criminal Code for Rule 207 \*\*

I reviewed PPD SOP 31 "SWAT UNIT WARRANT SERVICE" which states:

*Knock and Announce Rule Directive 5.7 6 B*

1. The purpose of the "knock and announce" rule is to prevent violence and physical injury to police and occupants, to protect an occupant's expectation of privacy, to prevent property damage resulting from forced entry and to give the occupants an opportunity to surrender the premises.

2. The manner of entry is provided for in Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and is as follows:

a. A law enforcement officer executing a search warrant shall, before entry, give or make reasonable effort to give, notice of their identity, authority and purpose to any occupant of the premises specified in the warrant, **UNLESS exigent circumstances require immediate forcible entry.**

b. Such officer shall await a response for a **reasonable period of time after their announcement before gaining entry into the property.**

c. If the officer is not admitted after such a reasonable period of time, they may forcibly enter the premises and may use as much physical force to effect entry therein as is necessary to execute the search warrant.

**NOTE: The courts have not precisely and uniformly determined the exact period of time that can be considered "reasonable". However, recent court decisions have shown that 30 seconds should be the minimum time police personnel should delay their entry into a property after announcing their presence and purpose.**

A review of the Lieutenant Monk's deposition revealed he was asked, "What is the knock and announce rule?" He replied, "the knock and announce rule is when you knock on the door to give the occupant sufficient time to open the door." (Page 37). He was also asked, "Based on the training that you've received with regards to the policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department, what is the purpose of the knock and announce rule?" He responded, "Again, we perform a knock and announce,

<sup>9</sup> Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 207



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again, to make the occupant aware that the police are on their -- at their door and allow them time, sufficient time, typically 25, 30 seconds, to open the door.” (Page 38) He was asked, “How long -- how much time passed between that knock and the front door being breached?” He replied, “If I was to guess, 15, 20 seconds perhaps” (Page 39) **(This information is inconsistent with the timing sequence I conducted utilizing the video obtained.)** Lieutenant Monk was asked, “But regardless, the point being that you knew that you were giving less time than you would have if it had been a front door that you knew was occupied, correct?” He replied, “Yes.” (Page 42). He also stated, “I followed my training, but no, I did not allow the 30 seconds.” (Page 44) This clearly shows that Lieutenant Monk was aware of providing sufficient time to surrender the residence, but purposely did not allow that time. He later revealed that there were no exigent circumstances to breach the door earlier. (Page 44).

Lieutenant Monk also agreed that Sergeant Mellody could have figured out whether or not it was necessary to go through the first-floor apartment to get to the second floor (Page 51) and could have called the property management (Page 52). He indicated he was not aware of a rear door prior to breaching Ms. Alvarado’s door. (Page 53). Later, Lieutenant Monk was asked, “That door that was breached, prior to breaching that door, you were not concerned with allowing enough time for anyone who might be behind that door an opportunity to voluntarily surrender the premises, correct?” He replied, “Incorrect, because again, we performed a knock and announce. Though it may have been shorter, we did perform a knock and announce.” (Page 83). When asked, “So is it your testimony that you ordered the breach of Ms. Alvarado's front door sooner than you might have otherwise because you heard dogs barking?” He replied, “That combined with the fact that **typically** it's an exterior door and there are apartment doors behind it.” (Page 86). **(This again shows that there were no exigent circumstances in this situation. Also, he is suggesting that he has not reached the “No doubt” threshold as per PPD policy.)** Also, if the exterior opened into a common hallway or foyer, the allotted time must still be given to answer and surrender the residence. It was also to his knowledge that no one under his command made any effort to ascertain who resided on the first floor. (Page 93). He was later asked, “Was there any higher requirement implemented by the Philadelphia Police Department, to your knowledge, for breaching someone's front door, other than mere possibility that that door might lead to a residence where you were legally allowed to be?” He replied, “Not that I am aware of.” Again, PPD directive 5.7 related to search warrants states the “executing officer have **no doubt** as to who or what can be seized and where they may be found.”

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Edward Song dated 5/15/23. Officer Song was identified as the individual who discharged his firearm mortally wounding Ms. Alvarado’s dog during this incident. He was also the first individual who entered the residence to execute the search warrant. He was asked, “Please tell me to the best of your understanding what the knock and announce rule is?” He replied, “You knock and announce the warrant charges, you give ample amount of time for the person to come answer the door, and if they don't answer then the order is given to breach the door.” (Page 18) He also indicated that between knocking and breaching, you should allow at least 30-40 seconds. (Page 21). When asked, “When you executed the warrant at Ms. Alvarado's house, did you have any information provided to you as to who lived on the first floor of that building?” He replied, “We were given information -- no. We were just given

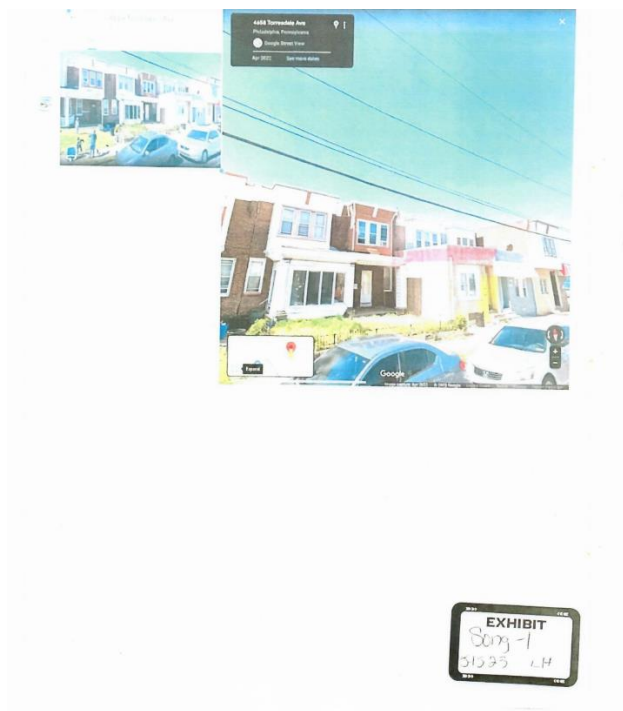


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information that it was -homicide gave us a warrant to serve on this gentleman that was wanted for homicide, he was supposed to be in the second-floor rear and that's who we were going after.” Officer Song later confirmed the area they entered into the residence by looking at the picture (Song Exhibit 1) that there was no second floor above it. (Page 32) and also “that there is no second floor in that front room.” (Page 33)



When Officer Song was asked, “When you walked through the door that had been breached, did it occur to you that you might be entering the residence of someone other than the person named on the warrant?” He replied, “Ninety percent or even more than that, if there's a two-story apartment you can enter the front door and it's like a foyer area and it's a separation from going straight and going up to the second floor and another door that goes into the first floor.” (Page 40). As previously stated, Officer Song acknowledged there was no second floor at the front of the residence, therefore, it would have been unreasonable to gain access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from the front first floor. Officer Song advised the residence had a rear door and the warrant actually stated “rear” on it. (Page 43). He was asked, “Based on your training from the Philadelphia Police Department, do you believe that enough ample time was provided to Ms. Alvarado between the door being knocked on, for her to answer the door before the door was breached?” He replied, “I believe there was” and “Like I said before, 30 to 40 seconds at the least. (Page 65 & 66). Officer Song later stated there were no exigent circumstances during the execution of the warrant. (Page 67 & 76). He later advised when shown PPD Directive 5.7 related to search warrants, that he could not recall seeing that document prior. (Page 92). When asked, “In your opinion, having, you know, whatever training you've received from the Philadelphia Police Department and the fact that you were there, do you believe that Ms. Alvarado was given an opportunity to surrender the premises before her front door was breached?” He replied, “Yes.” (Page 93). Officer Song was then asked, “Right. So, if only two seconds passed between

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the knock and the door being breached, would it be fair to say that she was not given an opportunity to surrender the premises?" He replied, "Yes." (Page 95).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Ashford dated 5/22/23. He was asked, "So based on the training that you've received as a member of the Philadelphia Police Department, how much time should you let pass between knocking on someone's front door to -- to enforce a warrant and before you actually breach the front door? He replied, "I would say 20 to 30 seconds." (Page 40). He was also asked, "My question is do you personally know -- just a yes or no question. Do you personally know what the policies and procedures are of the Philadelphia Police Department with regards to the knock-and-announce rule?" He replied, "No." (Page 44).

I again reviewed the deposition of Detective Scally. Detective Scally advised he had a lot of experience with search and arrests warrants (Page 11) and is familiar with the policies and procedures of them (Page 12). He advised he heard the knocks on the door then heard the door rammed (Page 14). He believed officers waited 15-30 seconds after the knock and announce prior to entry (Page 14). **(That was inconsistent with what was viewed in the video.)** When asked to explain the meaning of knock and announce, he stated, "That is what I basically described, a knock and announce what they are here for. Usually, it's a search warrant or arrest warrant. And then they wait a certain amount of minutes or not minutes, but time. And then they breach the door." (Page 15)

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Quintana dated 5/23/23. He was asked, "Are you familiar with something called the knock and announce rule? He replied, "Yes." He was asked, "What is the knock and announce rule? He replied, "When you announce that you're serving a warrant, you're supposed to give about 30 seconds to a minute before you breach the property." (Page 17). When asked about training for the "knock and announce rule," he was asked, "So it's your testimony that at least once a year you and the other members of the SWAT Unit are informed that there's something called the knock and announce rule that requires you to allow at least 30 to 60 seconds between knocking on a front door and attempting to breach the property, correct?" He replied, "Yes." (Page 19). He was also asked, "So from your position in the rear of the building, you could actually hear someone yell breach?" He replied, "No. I could hear when they knock and announce and then I could hear the actual breach, like a ram hitting a door." (Page 16). Officer Quintana was asked, "So when the ram hit the door, that was loud enough that you could actually hear it hit the door from the rear of the building?" He replied, "Yes." (Page 16). He was asked, "How much time passed between the knock and the door being breached?" He replied, "I don't recall. Anywhere from 30 seconds to a minute." (Page 16). "When you say anywhere between 30 seconds and a minute, what's your basis for that?" He replied, "Based on what I remember between the knock and announce, the screams, you know, the officer screaming they were serving a warrant, and then based on the time that I could hear the door get breached and then more or less the time between that and the one gunshot, that was maybe a minute, minute and a half." (Page 16). He was asked, "Do you think it's possible that your experience that officers should allow at least 30 to 60 seconds under the knock and announce rule has been so routine in your experience, something you've experienced so many times, that you may remember this incident as a time where that rule was followed because you've seen it followed so many times?" He

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replied, "I was going by my memory from being in the rear and listening to radio communication as to when they arrived. It's just based on my memory." (Page 21).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Eric Clark dated 9/21/23. He confirmed he has received training on the "knock and announce rule" as being a member of the PPD. When asked, "Is your only knowledge as to what the knock and announce rule training that you've received from the Philadelphia Police Department?" He responded, "Yes. I would say that's basically we're told to knock and announce, give a reasonable amount of time depending on the circumstances and breach the door." (Page 19). He indicated when the SWAT Unit is executing a search warrant, the supervisor says when to breach the door (Page 24). He was asked if he could wait as little as 10 seconds, he advised, "Yeah, if exigent circumstances or something to that nature, yeah, possibly." (Page 26) He later indicated he was not aware of any exigent circumstances (Page 67). Officer Clark was asked, "Under the knock and announce rule, when you knock and announce your presence, are you required to give the occupants of the structure enough time to voluntarily surrender the structure?" He responded, "Yes." (Page 33) When asked, "And you definitely never received any training from the Philadelphia Police Department about providing a certain amount of time or anything like that, correct?" He responded, "Like I said, not that I'm aware of." (Page 34) Officer Clark confirmed he had the ram and breached the door because he was told to by the supervisor (Page 64). He also advised there was only a few seconds before the door was breached after the knock (Page 70). After being shown the video and confirming it was only approximately seven seconds until the door was breached after the knock, he was asked, "So at most we've got about seven seconds. Does that comply with the requirements of the knock and announce rule under your understanding pursuant to whatever training you've received from the Philadelphia Police Department, including the SWAT unit?" He responded, "Yea, I guess." (Page 80) Officer Clark later advised it was a reasonable amount of time (Page 82).

I reviewed the deposition of Officer Cyprian Scott dated 9/21/23. When he was asked why was the building breached, he responded, "There was no answer at the door after numerous times knocking and announcing police." (Page 16) When he was asked how much time passed between the first knock until the door was breached, he responded, "I would say a good minute to a minute -- about a minute, minute 15 seconds maybe." (Page 16) ***\*\* These two answers are inconsistent with what is seen on the video of the breach as my timing sequence indicates. \*\**** He indicated he heard the officer knocking on the door (Page 16). When asked if he had ever heard of something called the knock and announce rule, he advised, "I believe you knock and announce and you wait at least 45 seconds, if I'm not mistaken, before a door has to be breached." (Page 16) Officer Scott stated that is how he was trained by the PPD. (Page 17). He advised it was a violation of the constitution to enter a private citizen's residence without knocking and announcing first (Page 19) When asked as of June 4, 2021 that if you hadn't waited at least 45 seconds before entering Ms. Alvarado's property, that was a violation of the constitution, correct?" He responded, "Yes." (Page 19).

I believe the officers did not wait a reasonable amount of time prior to entering into the residence. The only explanation Lieutenant Monk and Sergeant Mellody provided was a dog began barking. This was not a "no knock" search warrant. It was a "knock and announce" warrant, therefore, the dog barking did not

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provide exigent circumstances for the officers to enter almost immediately after announcing themselves and did not place the officers at a tactical disadvantage or increase safety issues. *“The dignity and privacy protected by the fourth amendment demand a certain propriety on the part of policemen even after they have been authorized to invade an individual's privacy. Regardless of how great the probable cause to believe a man guilty of a crime, he must be given a reasonable opportunity to surrender his privacy voluntarily.”*<sup>10</sup>

Again, the timing sequence depicts a very short amount of time the officers allowed for Ms. Alvarado to answer the door, just because a dog began to bark. *“Accordingly, even where the police duly announce their identity and purpose, forcible entry is still unreasonable and hence violative of the Fourth Amendment if the occupants of the premises sought to be entered and searched are not first given an opportunity to surrender the premises voluntarily.”*<sup>11</sup> In the search warrant it states the following items of evidence that the police were looking for:

*“Any and all firearms, ammunition, or other ballistic evidence, clothing including dark colored pants, dark belt, black, white, and orange or red Puma sneakers, cellular phone, and any and all other items deemed to be of evidentiary value to this investigation.”* (D000058)

I don't believe the officers were in fear of the suspect escaping as officers were in the front and rear of the residence, and they were attempting to locate the suspect on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear. I also don't believe officers were in fear of the suspect destroying evidence.

According to Rule 207, I don't believe there were any **exigent circumstances** that would allow the forcible entry into the residence without allowing reasonable amount of time to surrender the premises. As previously stated, there was no added safety issue from the barking dog or tactical disadvantage to enter for safety reasons. No officers provided an exigent circumstance during their depositions.

Both Officer Clark and Officer Murray gave conflicting information in their depositions of who performed the knock and announce on the date of this incident. It is clear one person conducted the knock and announce while a separate person conducted the breach of the door with the ram. The video has no audio and the person who conducted the knock and announce goes out of view for a few seconds when they approach the door. Regardless of who conducted the knock and announce, there was insufficient time between that and when the door was breached to allow a person reasonable amount of time to voluntarily surrender their residence, and in this case, also secure the dog who was mortally wounded.

**Opinion 3: Lieutenant Monk and Sergeant Mellody failed to supervise the operation properly from the “recon” of the residence to the execution of the search warrant.**

From the documentation provided for this case, it appeared that Lieutenant Monk was the highest-ranking officer for this operation. According to SOP, he would be the individual who approved this operation. He

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<sup>10</sup> Commonwealth v. Demichel 442 Pa. 553 (Pa. 1971) • 277 A.2d 159

<sup>11</sup> Abid

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ordered the execution of the search warrant at the wrong address as listed in the search warrant, and also ordered officers to execute the search warrant prior to allowing a reasonable amount of time for the resident to allow SWAT entry into the building to voluntarily surrender the residence.

A review of PPD Directive 5.7 Search Warrants also states;

*C. Exceptions to the Knock and Announce Rule*

*1. The only exceptions to the “knock and announce” rule which will permit an officer to disregard its provisions are:*

- a. When occupants remain silence after repeated knocking and identification by officers and continued compliance with the Rule would be fruitless;*
- b. When the police are virtually certain that the occupants of the premises already know their purpose;*
- c. When the police have reason to believe that an announcement prior to their entry would imperil their safety; and*
- d. The police have reason to believe that evidence is about to be destroyed.*

***2. Sworn personnel should be prepared to clearly articulate to the courts why the “knock and announce” rule was violated and produce any evidence to support their decision to do so.***

*3. In addition, where exigent circumstances have occurred during the service of the warrant, they will be noted on the Complaint or Incident Report (75-48). The assigned investigator will also describe on the Investigation Report (75-49), in detail, the exigent circumstances and explain why the “knock and announce” rule was violated.”*

I have received no documentation that explains why the officers violated the “knock and announce” rule by not providing a reasonable amount of time for the occupant to answer the door and voluntarily surrender her residence. Lieutenant Monk stated in his typed statement (D000044) that he gave the order to breach after hearing the dog bark. As stated in the timing sequence, Officer Clark began to walk to the door to utilize the ram approximately 2 seconds after the knock and announce and 8 seconds before the first time the ram was utilized. This was not only a clear violation of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code 207, but also PPD Directive 5.7.

I reviewed PPD SOP 26 SWAT Unit Operational Planning. It states:

*“2. Responsibility*

*A. The supervisor, who will brief the Operation, will be responsible to establish the Operational Plan unless exigent circumstances exist.*



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*B. The Operational Plan will be approved by the **highest-ranking SWAT Supervisor** available, through the chain of Command."*

During the deposition of Lieutenant Monk, he was asked, "the warrant specifically says second floor rear, does it not?" He replied, "I have not seen the warrant." (Page 27).

Sergeant Mellody was the supervisor who was responsible for the reconnaissance of the residence. He conducted no surveillance and did not take into account of how the second-story was set back from the first floor. In his deposition he advised he was responsible for where they would make entry into the residence. He stated he was notified of the warrant when he arrived at work the night before. He had 2 days to execute the warrant. More time was available to do a more thorough and complete reconnaissance in order for the correct apartment to be searched.

I reviewed the discipline history of Lt Monk. If I am reading it properly, it states that LT Monk was found guilty of an administrative charge of "Neglect of Duty" for failing to supervise on 5/2/03. He again, was found guilty on a separate administrative charge for "Neglect of Duty" for failing to supervise on 7/17/09.

**Opinion 4: The Philadelphia Police Department improperly investigated this incident and provided inconsistent information about what had occurred pertaining to the execution of the search warrant and breach of the residence of Felishatay Alvarado.**

I reviewed the following three documents:

1. Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigation Unit Preliminary Report (D000121-D000122) prepared by Detective Horn dated 6/4/21. The OIS investigation Unit Preliminary Report states on page 1 (D000121);

*"Sergeant Mellody was a part of the entry team with additional officers; the SWAT Unit was positioned (in a stack formation) at the front door: they knocked and announced their presence with no response from inside of the home. At that point, members of the SWAT Unit heard a dog barking from inside. A second knock and announce was performed with negative results and the dog continued to bark. Lieutenant Monk ordered the front door entry team to breach the front door, utilizing a ram."*

2. Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Unit Final Report (D000003-D000010) prepared by Detective Horn. The Final Report states on page 1 (D000003);

*"The SWAT Unit was stacked at the front door residence and knocked and announced their presence with no response from inside of the home. SWAT subsequently used a ram to take down the front door and entered the residence."*

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3. Memorandum to the Police Commissioner from the Commanding Officer of Internal Affairs Division prepared by Lieutenant Mark Bugieda dated 1/3/23. The memorandum states on page 1;

*“Upon their arrival, the SWAT officers positioned themselves in a stacked formation at the front door of the residence, knocked and announced their presence. The officers received no response from inside the residence. SWAT officers then heard a dog barking inside the residence. Lieutenant Monk gave an order to breach the front door, utilizing a ram. Officer Clark then struck the entrance door with a ram, breaching the door.” (D000110)*

On page 10 the memorandum states;

*“Upon their arrival, the SWAT officers positioned themselves in a stacked formation at the front door of the residence. Officer Clark knocked and announced their presence. The officers received no response from inside the residence, but the officers could hear a dog barking from inside the residence. Lieutenant Monk gave an order to breach the front door, utilizing a ram.” (D000119)*

As I showed with the timing sequence, I obtained from viewing the video surveillance from the Deli three doors down (Surveillance video A10\_20210604053500\_002.mp4), the video clearly shows the officers provided approximately 2 seconds before giving the order to breach the door after they “knocked and announced,” and approximately 8 seconds when the door was first struck with the ram. The OIS Preliminary Report states a second knock and announce was performed which clearly did not happen. It is understandable that the Preliminary Report may have inaccurate information as all the facts of the case may not have been collected when the report was prepared. The Final Report also states that “no response” was obtained. In the Final Report Detective Horn wrote that the video surveillance was collected from the front and rear of the residence, therefore, he must have viewed it as he wrote, “Exterior cameras from both the front and rear were recovered and show SWAT lining up and entering the property.” (D000009). The video and timing sequence shows that statement to be inaccurate as no reasonable amount of time was allowed for Ms. Alvarado to answer the door.

The report prepared by Lieutenant Bugieda also states that “no response” was obtained when officers “knocked and announced.” He wrote in his report on page 8 the timed events as they occurred on video (D000117) as shown below:

*“Title: A10\_20210604053500.MP4, Camera 10*

*Length: Thirty-four (34) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds.*

- At 5:37:04 AM, SWAT officers line up on the sidewalk, while front containment and breach officers are positioned in front of 4664 Torresdale Avenue.*
- At 5:37:27 AM, a SWAT officer strikes the front door of 4664 Torresdale Avenue with a ram. SWAT officers in a stacked position enter 4664 Torresdale Avenue. Approximately two (2) minutes later, the*

*SWAT officers exit the property through the front door, and walk around the block to the rear of the property.”*

I agree with his time that the SWAT officer strikes the door at 5:37:27 which is indicated on my timing sequence, but Lieutenant Bugieda failed to document when the officer “knocked and announced” and when the officer began to approach the door to strike it with the ram, therefore, he did not understand that no reasonable amount of time was provided to Ms. Alvarado to surrender her residence to officers. These investigation reports failed to indicate that officers violated Directive 5.7 pertaining to “Search Warrants” as well as the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Code, Rule 207, and SOP 31 “SWAT Unit Warrant Service.”

**Opinion 5: The Philadelphia Police Department violated Felishatay Alvarado’s 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights when Officer Song discharged his firearm mortally wounding the dog that was considered property of Felishatay Alvarado by not allowing her time to secure her dog which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**

As previously stated in this report, the PPD did not wait a reasonable amount of time before breaching the 1<sup>st</sup> floor front apartment of Felishatay Alvarado. Again, this was a “knock and announce” search warrant where Pennsylvania Rule 207 and PPD Directive 5.7 clearly indicate that police must wait a “reasonable amount of time” prior to entering into a premises to execute a search warrant. As shown by the video surveillance and timing sequence I constructed, Officer Clark began walking to the front door with the breaching tool approximately 2 seconds after the “knock and announce” was conducted. Lieutenant Monk advised “I could hear a dog barking and I gave the order to breach.” (Monk typed statement Page 2, D000044). Due to the fact that a reasonable amount of time was not provided for Felishatay Alvarado to voluntarily surrender her residence prior to the breach of the front door, it also did not allow for her to secure her dog. “A seizure of property occurs when there is some meaningful interference with an individual's possessory interests in that property.”<sup>12</sup> The dog was clearly property of Felishatay Alvarado while she was inside her home. Again, there was no exigent circumstances to immediately enter the residence while executing a “knock and announce” search warrant. Officer Song later discharged his firearm one time mortally wounding the dog in the living room of the residence. “Destroying property meaningfully interferes with an individual's possessory interest in that property.”<sup>13</sup> In Pennsylvania, by statute, “All dogs are declared to be personal property and subjects of theft.”<sup>14</sup> I understand that this search warrant was pertaining to a homicide investigation where an individual was shot, but again, this was a “knock and announce” search warrant.

I reviewed PPD Directive 10.1 “Use of Force-Involving the Discharge of Firearms.” It states:

*B. Discharging Involving Other Animals*

<sup>12</sup> United States v. Jacobsen, 466 U.S. 109, 104 S. Ct. 1652, 80 L. Ed. 2d 85 (1984).

<sup>13</sup> Abid

<sup>14</sup> 3 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 459-601(a).

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*1. Police Officers shall not discharge their firearm at a dog or other animal except to protect themselves or another person from physical injury **and there is no other reasonable means to eliminate the threat**, or when acting consistently with existing Department guidelines authorizing the human destruction of a deer.”*

As previously stated, there was no exigent circumstances to enter the residence to violate the “knock and announce” rule. The officers heard the dog barking when they were outside the front 1<sup>st</sup> floor residence and attempt no other means to control or secure the dog prior to breaching the door.

I also reviewed the “Dog Encounters” training block that was provided to Officer Song after the incident occurred (D000235-D000241). It states on page 1:

*B. Training Objectives*

- *Identify and respond to indicators that a dog is present in a location.*
  - 1. Failing to anticipate a dog on the premises is a frequent mistake that officers make.*
  - 2. Food/water bowls, leashed/chains, worn paths in lawn usually mean the presence of a dog.*
  - 3. Notify owner that you are there and tell them to contain their dog.***
  - 4. Make noise, shake fence, call to dog to avoid surprises for you or the dog.*
- *Identify tools and methods of avoiding or warding off a dog attack.*
  - 1. Officers’ body position, tone of voice, and other “tricks” can avoid their being perceived as a threat by the dog.*
  - 2. Baton, night stick, ASP. Pepper spray – tools readily at hand-can be used to counter a dog attack.*
  - 3. When all other means fail to stop the threat, lethal force is justified.”*

Officer Songs and all the other officers on scene including Lieutenant Monk clearly knew a dog was present and failed to have a contingency plan to deal with it or utilize any other reasonable means to secure the dog. Officer Song or any other officer on scene made no attempt to utilize other tools at their disposal. According to Officer Song’s Internal Affairs Typed Statement (D000125-000131), he turned to the left as he entered the residence to clear the corner of the room (D000126). He then advised “the rest of the team was heading back toward the back of the first floor” (D000127). This clearly shows that while Officer Song was dealing with the dog, it did not stop the remainder of the SWAT Unit from performing their job, therefore, no further danger or exigent circumstances existed.

I reviewed the deposition of Lieutenant Monk. When asked, “As of June 2021, to your knowledge, did the Philadelphia Police Department have any sort of policy or procedure in place as to how members of the

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SWAT Unit should deal with dogs at private residences, if they encounter them?" He replied, "I can't state that there is a policy in regards to that, no." (Page 78).

**OPINION 6: The Philadelphia Police Department failed to follow nation standards in the planning and execution of this search warrant.**

I reviewed the letter from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (P.L.E.A.C.) dated October 28, 2021. It stated that the Commission unanimously voted to re-accredit the Philadelphia Police Department. This insinuates that the PPD was accredited prior to this and would predate the date of this incident which was June 4, 2021. The PPD Directive 5.7 pertaining to search warrants dated 4/29/16 lists PLEAC standards 1.2.3, 2.7.1, 2.7.2 a,b,c,d,e as referred to in their directive. These standards only state that the police department should have a directive on how legal processes (such as search warrants) should be documented for records purposes. The standards are listed below are updated from 4/22:

*LEGAL PROCESS*

**Records**

**2.7.1** – *A written directive that includes information regarding each item of legal process, civil and/or criminal, shall be recorded and include, at minimum, the following elements: (04/19)*

- a. date received;*
- b. type of legal process, civil or criminal;*
- c. nature of document;*
- d. source of document;*
- e. name of plaintiff/complainant or name of defendant/respondent;*
- f. officer assigned for service;*
- g. date of assignment;*
- h. court docket number, warrant number, or other identifying number; and*
- i. date service is due or date of service.*

**Narrative:** *This system of records should allow entries to be retrieved by docket number, name or unique number assigned to allow cross-reference.*

**2.7.2** – *A written directive that provides ~~for~~ procedures for and documenting of a record of the execution or attempted service of legal process documents shall be maintained and include at minimum, the following elements: ~~(04/19)~~ (04/22)*

- a. date and time service was executed/attempted;*
- b. name of sworn law enforcement officer(s) executing/attempting service; (04/22)*
- c. name of person on whom legal process was served/executed;*
- d. method of service/reason for non-service; ~~and~~ (04/22)*
- e. address of service/attempt-; and (04/22)*



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- f. execution of criminal arrest warrants, civil arrest warrants, or writs requiring the seizure of real or personal property are to be performed by a sworn law enforcement officer. (04/22)*

***Narrative:*** Basic information must be maintained for each execution or attempted execution of legal process documents.

I located the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Model Policy pertaining to executing search warrants dated February 2005. The IACP is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders. With more than 33,000 members in over 170 countries, the IACP is a recognized leader in global policing, committed to advancing safer communities through thoughtful, progressive police leadership. Since 1893, the association has been serving communities by speaking out on behalf of law enforcement and advancing leadership and professionalism in policing worldwide. The policy states:

*B. Preparation for Executing the Warrant*

*1. The case agent and tactical coordinator, where required, work cooperatively to ensure proper preparation, planning, and service of the warrant. They shall detail procedures for executing the warrant to all team members in a warrant service briefing. The plan briefing shall be conducted by both the case agent and tactical coordinator and will include but not necessarily be limited to the following:*

*a. The specific items subject to the search as defined in the warrant and any available information on their location.*

*b. Information concerning the structure to be search and surroundings, **to include floor plans where available**, mockups, photos, and diagrams of the location identifying entrances, exits, obstructions, fortifications, garages, outlying buildings, suspect vehicles, and all other points of concern.*

*c. Suspects and other occupants who may be present at the location—incorporating photos or sketches whenever possible—with emphasis on suspect threat potential, as well as the presence of children, the elderly or others who may not be involved with suspects.*

*d. A complete review of the tactical plan to include the staging area, route of approach; individual assignments for entry, search, management of evidence, custody and handling of seized vehicles, custody of prisoners, and post-execution duties such as securing the location and conducting surveillance on the site for additional suspects.*

*e. Personnel, resources, or armament necessary for gaining entry, safety and security of officers, or for conducting the search.*

*f. If a joint agency task force operation, all officers participating in the warrant service shall be present and identified as members of the warrant service team.*

*g. Contingency plans for encountering hazardous materials, canines, booby traps, fortifications or related hazards; measures to take in case of injury or accident, to include the nearest location of trauma or emergency care facilities*

*h. Procedures for exiting the location under emergency conditions.*

### *C. Entry Procedures*

*1. If an advance surveillance team is at the target site, radio contact shall be made to ensure that the warrant can be served according to plan.*

*2. The search personnel shall position themselves in accordance with the execution plan.*

#### *3. Notification*

*a. An easily identifiable police officer shall knock and notify persons inside the search site, in a voice loud enough to be heard inside the premises, that he/she is a police officer and has a warrant to search the premises, and that he/she demands entry to the premises at once.*

*b. Following the knock and announce, officers shall delay entry for an appropriate period of time based on the size and nature of the target site and time of day to provide a reasonable opportunity for an occupant to respond (normally between 15 and 20 seconds). If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the delay would create unreasonable risks to the officers or others, inhibit the effectiveness of the investigation, or would permit the destruction of evidence, entry may be made as soon as practicable.*

## *APPENDIX A: PRE-SEARCH PLANNING CHECKLIST*

### *A. Target Location Considerations*

*1. Can the site be penetrated by gunfire?*

*2. Does the target site pose a fire hazard?*

*3. Are there underground parking facilities, attached garages, or additional buildings on the curtilage?*

*4. Where are the access points, on upper and lower levels, approach issues related to access points, and points of cover at approach point(s)?*

*5. Which way do doors and windows open?*

*6. Does the target site have an alarm system or warning device?*

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7. *Is there evidence of reinforced entrances or fortifications?*
8. *Barred windows or doors*
9. *Backing mesh*
10. *Appearance of double locks on doors?*
11. *Are there any lookouts, and if so, where, how many, warning devices used, signals?*
12. *Evidence of children, such as bicycles or swings?*
13. *Evidence of elderly, disabled, handicapped or other uninvolved persons?*
14. *Unusual obstacles to entrance?*
15. *Can a reasonably accurate floor plan be obtained or constructed?*
16. *Attitude of neighbors: hostile or friendly?*
17. *Evidence of dogs? If so, how can they best be controlled?*
18. *Where is the electrical box and is it accessible?*

I also reviewed the IACP “Concepts and Issues” pertaining to the execution of search warrants dated February 2006 which states:

*Whenever possible, photographs should be taken of the location and the immediate surroundings. If available, a helicopter is ideal for taking photographs. Photographs can identify safe approach routes and provide views of areas obstructed by vegetation, fencing, walls, or other natural or manmade obstacles that could affect the approach or entry. Other useful photographs can be easily obtained from a surveillance location, or stationary or moving vehicle. For example, if it is a detached home, the officer should note the proximity of adjoining homes and should attempt to determine who occupies these locations. If occupants of those locations are sympathetic to or in conspiracy with suspects at the target site, they may serve to alert the suspects to either police surveillance or their approach to the location. On the other hand, if neighbors or others occupying locations in the immediate area are cooperative and trustworthy, they may allow authorities to utilize their locations briefly for purposes of surveillance. Video cameras are also very useful in this regard as they may cover more area in a shorter time frame and add greater continuity to photographic coverage.*

*The same type of information should be established for multiple family units with added emphasis on safety should it be necessary to use firearms. The volume and nature of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the immediate area should be established at the time of day in which the warrant will be executed. This information will have obvious safety implications for the operation, dictate whether*

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*special consideration should be given to traffic control, and will also help to establish whether there is a need to deal with lookouts or other accomplices that may be operating in the area.*

I reviewed the PPD Directive 10.4; Use of Force Review Board (UFRB). It states that “all police involved shootings shall be reviewed.” (Page 1) Although this incident did not involve deadly force toward a citizen, it did involve the discharge of an officer’s duty weapon during the course of their duties. The directive also states, “No Use of Force Violations, but Other Departmental Violation Discovered: The actions of the officer were in accordance with Departmental Use of Force policy or objectively reasonable under extraordinary circumstances, **but other Departmental violations not related to the use of force are discovered**. The review will be marked “Justified - Use of Force within Departmental Policy – Other Departmental Violations Discovered - Not within Departmental Policy.”

NOTE: The Chairperson will notify the Police Commissioner in writing and forward the case to the charging unit for the appropriate disciplinary charges to be filed against the officer.” (Page 3)

I opine that several departmental violations occurred during the course of this incident as previously stated which include the executing the search warrant at the wrong location, and not following the knock and announce rule which also led to the shooting of the dog. I requested, but did not receive, the complete IAB investigation which would have documented any department violations if they occurred. I also requested the Use of Force Review Board documentation and recordings which were not provided to me. The UFRB would also have department violations documented if they occurred. On Page 11 of Lt Bugieda’s memorandum to the Police Commissioner, it states:

“This investigation Report should be forwarded to the Use of Force Review Board (UFRB) to review the totality of the circumstances and issue a final determination regarding the Philadelphia Police Department’s policy Directive #10.1, pertaining to the use of deadly force.”

**Opinion 7: The Philadelphia Police Department failed to train its officers on policies and how to deal with dog encounters.**

A review of the officers’ depositions showed that a large majority of the them stated they have had no training on dog encounters, specifically Lt Monk and Sergeant Mellody (Supervisors on scene) as well as Officer Song (Officer who mortally wounded the dog belonging to Ms. Alvarado.) A review of PPD SOP #36 – SWAT Unit Dog Neutralization Policy states:

**1. Policy.**

**A. SWAT personnel will use every means available to have vicious animals secured.**

**1. Have owner secure the animal.**

**2. Ensnare the animal.**

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3. Remove or confine the animal.
4. Request the assistance of the PACCA.

**B. SWAT personnel will not place themselves or allow others to place themselves in unnecessary or unreasonable danger of serious bodily injury by vicious animals.**

C. When there are no reasonable means of securing the animal, deadly force is justifiable against viscous animals. All guidelines of PD # 10 shall apply.

D. If the animal is secured or contained and no one is claiming ownership PACCA will be notified

## 2. SWAT Unit Supervisor Responsibility

**A. Ensure alternative methods are considered when viscous animals may be present.**

1. High volume OC spray
2. Dog Noose

A review of the “Dog Encounters” training states the following:

### *B. Training Objectives*

- *Identify and respond to indicators that a dog is present in a location.*
  1. *Failing to anticipate a dog on the premises is a frequent mistake that officers make.*
  2. *Food/water bowls, leashed/chains, worn paths in lawn usually mean the presence of a dog.*
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- *Identify tools and methods of avoiding or warding off a dog attack.*
  1. *Officers’ body position, tone of voice, and other “tricks” can avoid their being perceived as a threat by the dog.*
  2. *Baton, night stick, ASP. Pepper spray – tools readily at hand-can be used to counter a dog attack.*
  3. *When all other means fail to stop the threat, lethal force is justified.”*

I opine that the officers were not prepared to handle a dog encounter during this incident and did not even consider other alternatives prior to entering the residence. I have seen conflicting photographs regarding the “Beware of Dog” sign that was placed in the left front window of the Ms. Alvarado’s residence. The

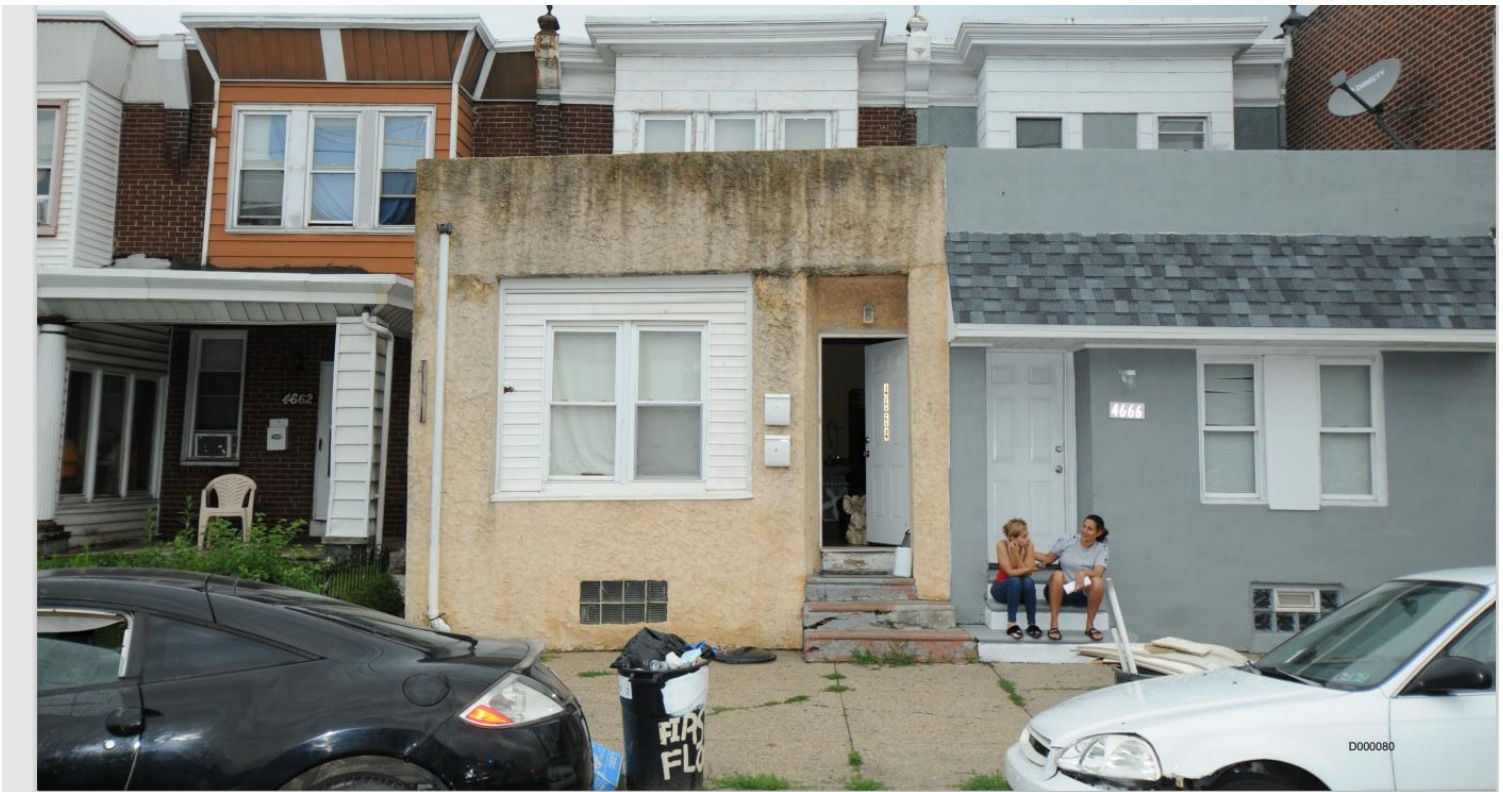


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following is a Crime Scene photograph of taken after the incident occurred by Crime Scene detectives on the day of the incident. It shows no “Beware of Dog” sign in the window (D000080).

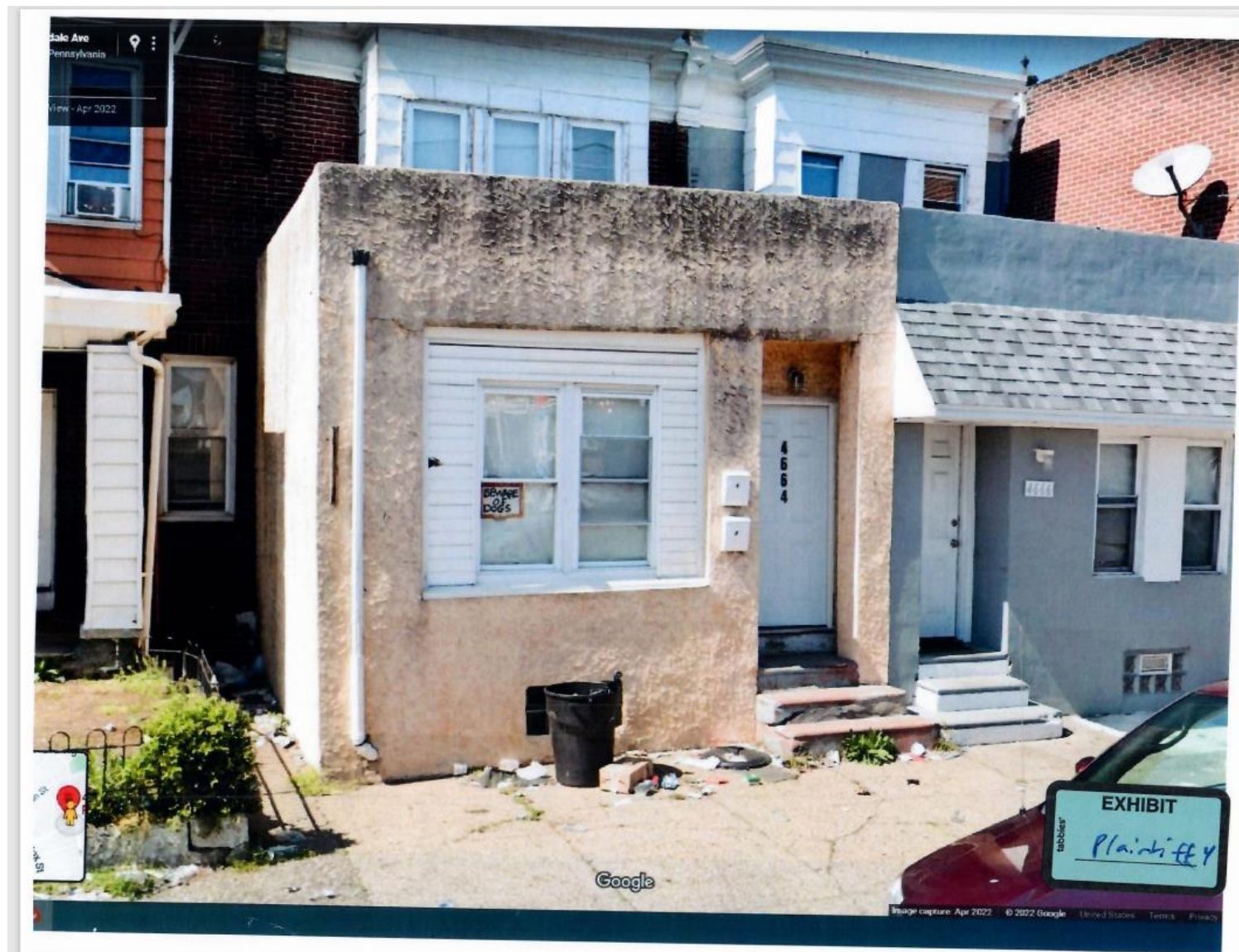


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The following photograph was exhibited and shown as plaintiff 4 which clearly shows the “Beware of Dog” sign in the left window:



If the sign was present in the hours leading up to the execution of the search warrant, it would have been displayed when Detectives drove past the residence and when officers conducted their reconnaissance.

Again, referring to the timing sequence I conducted, Officer Clark began to move toward the door within approximately 2 seconds of the knock and announce after LT Monk gave the order to breach the door after hearing the dog barking. No consideration for other alternatives were considered to handle the dog. Also, by not allowing Ms. Alvarado reasonable time to voluntarily surrender the residence and secure her dog,

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offices placed themselves in a situation to have to use deadly force on the dog.

**Conclusion:**

As previously stated, I have formulated ??? opinions that I hold to a reasonable degree of probability and certainty in the field of use of force based upon my training and experience:

- 1. SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4th Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by illegally entering into her 1st floor, front apartment without having the legal authority to do so while executing a search warrant for a defendant believed to be located inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, rear apartment which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**
- 2. SWAT officers from the Philadelphia Police Department violated the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights of Felishatay Alvarado by executing the search warrant by forcibly ramming the door and not allowing her a reasonable amount of time to voluntarily surrender her residence which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**
- 3. Lieutenant Monk and Sergeant Mellody failed to supervise the operation properly from the “recon” of the residence to the execution of the search warrant.**
- 4. The Philadelphia Police Department improperly investigated this incident and provided inconsistent information about what had occurred pertaining to the execution of the search warrant and breach of the residence of Felishatay Alvarado.**
- 5. The Philadelphia Police Department violated Felishatay Alvarado’s 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights when Officer Song discharged his firearm mortally wounding the dog that was considered property of Felishatay Alvarado by not allowing her time to secure her dog which was also a violation of policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.**
- 6. The Philadelphia Police Department failed to follow nation standards in the planning and execution of this search warrant.**

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**7. The Philadelphia Police Department failed to train its officers on policies and how to deal with dog encounters.**

I expand and support my opinions in the attached report. If more materials are provided regarding this incident, I reserve the right to add, change, and delete any of my opinions based on any provision of additional information not reviewed at the time this report was completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Garrels". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn Garrels

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# EXHIBIT “C”



Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**OFFICER BRIAN MURRAY**

**Date:** August 11, 2023

**Case:** FELISHATAY ALVARADO v. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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vs. :

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et. :  
al. : NO. 22-3763  
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August 11, 2023  
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Videotape Deposition of OFFICER BRIAN  
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121 South Broad Street, Suite 1800, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania 19107, on the above date, beginning  
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that all objections, except as to the  
form of the question, be reserved until  
the time of trial.)

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THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: This is  
the deposition of Officer Brian Murray,  
Badge Number 6068. This is the  
audio/video deposition for use at trial  
in the matter of the Alvarado versus the  
City of Philadelphia, Case Number 22  
dash 3763.

I am the video operator. My name  
is Courtney Kitcherman. And I'm  
employed by Victims Recovery Law Center.

My address is 121 South Broad  
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Pennsylvania 19107.

Today's date is August 11th of  
2023. The time is 9:59 a.m.

This deposition is being performed

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 in person. The caption of this case is</p> <p>2 Alvarado versus City of Philadelphia,</p> <p>3 Case Number 22 dash 3763.</p> <p>4 The witness being deposed today is</p> <p>5 Officer Brian Murray, Badge Number 6068.</p> <p>6 This deposition is being taken on</p> <p>7 behalf of the plaintiff, Felishatay</p> <p>8 Alvarado.</p> <p>9 The officer taking this deposition</p> <p>10 is Douglas Diamond. And he shall swear</p> <p>11 the witness in at this time:</p> <p>12 ---</p> <p>13 . . . OFFICER BRIAN MURRAY, having been</p> <p>14 duly sworn, as a witness, was examined</p> <p>15 and testified as follows . . .</p> <p>16 ---</p> <p>17 EXAMINATION</p> <p>18 ---</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Good morning, Officer. Thanks for</p> <p>21 coming in today.</p> <p>22 A. Good morning.</p> <p>23 Q. And we already talked. You've had</p> <p>24 a chance to confer with your attorney and you're</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 instructs you not to, please continue. Okay?</p> <p>2 A. Very good.</p> <p>3 Q. If you need a break at any point,</p> <p>4 if you'd like some water, anything like that, just</p> <p>5 let us know. We're not trying to make you</p> <p>6 uncomfortable. Okay?</p> <p>7 A. Not a problem. Thank you.</p> <p>8 Q. And, likewise, if I ask you a</p> <p>9 question and you answer it the assumption will be</p> <p>10 that you understood it. So if you have any</p> <p>11 trouble understanding a question, please just let</p> <p>12 us know. I'll be glad to rephrase the question,</p> <p>13 if I can, speak louder or speak slower, anything</p> <p>14 like that. Just let us know if you have trouble</p> <p>15 understanding the question. Okay?</p> <p>16 A. Okay.</p> <p>17 Q. Your only obligation today is to</p> <p>18 give truthful testimony based on what you</p> <p>19 personally know. So at no point am I going to ask</p> <p>20 you to guess or speculate. Okay?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Just if you know the answer, let us</p> <p>23 know what you know. The kind of partial exception</p> <p>24 to that is that we do want to know everything you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 prepared to proceed; correct?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. My name is Keith West. I'm one of</p> <p>4 the attorneys representing the plaintiff in this</p> <p>5 case, Ms. Alvarado.</p> <p>6 Have you ever been in a deposition</p> <p>7 before?</p> <p>8 A. I have not.</p> <p>9 Q. All right. Just it's not overly</p> <p>10 complicated, but just some ground rules so you</p> <p>11 understand how everything works. One of the major</p> <p>12 things is that we have the court reporter here.</p> <p>13 So we have to make sure that we don't speak at the</p> <p>14 same time. And all of our responses have to be</p> <p>15 verbal. The court reporter can't write down nods</p> <p>16 of the head, that kind of thing. Okay?</p> <p>17 A. Understood.</p> <p>18 Q. So everything has got to be spoken.</p> <p>19 And at the same time your attorney may</p> <p>20 occasionally have objections to questions I ask.</p> <p>21 Again, just make sure that we don't speak at the</p> <p>22 same time. So I might ask a question, pause. If</p> <p>23 he interjects, let him state whatever he wants,</p> <p>24 for the record. And then unless he specifically</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 know. So if you don't have an exact answer to a</p> <p>2 question, but you feel that you could give a</p> <p>3 meaningful estimate or an approximation, we do ask</p> <p>4 for you to give us your estimate or approximation.</p> <p>5 Just let us know that's what you're doing. Okay?</p> <p>6 A. Not a problem.</p> <p>7 Q. The example I always give is if I</p> <p>8 asked you how many feet it is to the wall, you</p> <p>9 probably can't just eyeball it and say exactly.</p> <p>10 You would have to give kind of an</p> <p>11 estimate based on your experience; right?</p> <p>12 A. Right.</p> <p>13 Q. But you might have a witness who</p> <p>14 grew up in France and only uses the metric system</p> <p>15 and you ask them how many feet something is, they</p> <p>16 have no idea. That person, we're not going to ask</p> <p>17 that person to guess. Just say I don't know.</p> <p>18 You get the difference; right?</p> <p>19 A. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q. All right. So, sir, this case</p> <p>21 arises from an incident that occurred at Ms.</p> <p>22 Alvarado's apartment, which was in the building</p> <p>23 located at 4664 Torresdale Avenue in the City of</p> <p>24 Philadelphia. And the date of the incident was</p>

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1 June 4th of 2021.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Do you remember this incident, do  
4 you remember anything about it?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. All right. I'll just ask you  
7 generally, can you tell me what you remember about  
8 that day?

9 A. That day we were serving a homicide  
10 warrant at that location for the second-floor  
11 floor apartment.

12 Do you want me to go through the  
13 whole --

14 Q. Yes, what you remember, sure.

15 A. That day I was working as a  
16 breacher slash hospital car, one of the breachers,  
17 I should say. We approached the property, the  
18 expectation being that we knew it was a  
19 second-floor apartment. There was markings, I  
20 believe, of the number one and two both on that  
21 door or possibly next to it. So the expectation  
22 was that that was a common entry point at which  
23 point we would -- we knocked and announced. After  
24 no response one of the supervisors gave us the

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1 command to breach. The door had been -- was then  
2 breached. Being a breacher, that means I'm one of  
3 the last few people to enter into the property.  
4 As we entered in, by the time I got in there, I  
5 knew at that point it was a -- it was no longer a  
6 common point entry, but there was a dog that had  
7 been aggressively coming towards Officer Song.  
8 And through the course of that confrontation the  
9 dog ended up being dispatched by Officer Song.  
10 Once the property was secured and they realized  
11 that there was no access to the second floor from  
12 the first-floor apartment I stayed and held the  
13 scene, itself. And the entry teams made their way  
14 to the back of the property and executed the  
15 second-floor warrant, I believe, through a fire  
16 escape. I'm not 100 percent sure on how that  
17 layout was because I never made it to the second  
18 floor.

19 Q. Okay. Have you had a chance to  
20 review any documents in preparation for today's  
21 deposition?

22 A. Yeah, my statement to Internal  
23 Affairs for the shooting team.

24 Q. All right. Did you review anything

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1 else?

2 A. No.

3 Q. All right. So you knew that the  
4 warrant only applied to the second-floor  
5 apartment; correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
7 form.

8 But, Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Correct.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. And did you know that the  
12 warrant actually specified second floor rear?

13 A. I did not.

14 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not  
15 the -- strike the question.

16 Let me just kind of lay a rule for  
17 the deposition, if everyone agrees. The building  
18 is the building at 4664 Torresdale Avenue, just so  
19 I'm not reading the address all the time. Moving  
20 forward if I say the building, that's the one I'm  
21 referring to, everyone's fine with that on here.

22 Okay?

23 A. I'm good with it.

24 Q. Do you know whether or not the

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1 building, I'll call it the building in question  
2 because it makes more sense for the future, do you  
3 know whether or not the building in question had  
4 another door besides the one that you breached?

5 A. I mean, I personally did not see  
6 it. I wasn't the one who did the -- we do recons  
7 on the jobs. I wasn't the one who put eyes on the  
8 property prior to our serving the warrant. I know  
9 that they gained access to the second floor, so  
10 the assumption would be, yes, there's a door  
11 somewhere else leading to the second floor.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. But in the front of the property,  
14 which is the only path I took, there was no other  
15 door.

16 Q. Prior to breaching the door that  
17 you did breach at the building in question --

18 A. I didn't personally breach it, I  
19 don't believe.

20 Q. Oh, I thought you were --

21 A. I was part of the breaching team.  
22 So you typically have according to my statement  
23 just because I don't recall specifically, it had  
24 me as using a Halligan, which is a prying tool.

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1 Typically when you breach a door you're using a  
 2 ram. So it stated that, I believe, Officer Clark,  
 3 again, I'd have to refer to my notes, I believe it  
 4 was Officer Clark did the knocking and announcing.  
 5 And I'm assuming he probably breached as well, but  
 6 I could be wrong.

7 Q. Okay. So your understanding of  
 8 what happened the day in question is that you and  
 9 Officer Clark were both --

10 A. I believe Clark was. I didn't -- I  
 11 know that he knocked and announced. I don't know  
 12 if he was the first one of the -- for whatever  
 13 reason I didn't see in my notes who my partner  
 14 was. So I'm not sure if he was one of the first  
 15 guys on the door or if he was one of the  
 16 breachers. Typically the breacher, one of the  
 17 breachers, knocks and announces.

18 Q. All right. As of today you have no  
 19 specific recollection?

20 A. I don't. We've served so many  
 21 warrants it kind of blends together,  
 22 unfortunately.

23 Q. Okay. And, sir, I don't want you  
 24 to feel like I'm criticizing you.

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1 A. No.

2 Q. It's just that a deposition is an  
 3 unusual thing. Make sure that you allow a little  
 4 space between the question gets asked and before  
 5 you answer it because we don't want to talk over  
 6 each other, for the record. Okay?

7 A. Not a problem.

8 Q. All right. So prior to being part  
 9 of the team that breached the door of the building  
 10 in question, did you know whether or not the  
 11 building in question had another door?

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. Okay. Was there a meeting before  
 14 this warrant execution occurred where one or more  
 15 people gave instructions to the rest of the SWAT  
 16 unit and described how the warrant should be  
 17 enforced?

18 A. Yes, we do have a briefing prior to  
 19 us serving warrants. You typically have a, I  
 20 believe, one of the supervisors takes the lead.  
 21 And they will go over the pertinent information.  
 22 Unfortunately, with the recons we don't always  
 23 have -- because these are exigent circumstances  
 24 that you're going out for homicide warrants you

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1 can't always go in the back of these properties  
 2 without basically alerting because we go in and do  
 3 it either the night before, the day before, maybe  
 4 two days before, your team is going out there and  
 5 putting eyes. Unfortunately. It would look  
 6 suspicious if a bunch of cops are walking through  
 7 the alleyway and you don't want to alert the  
 8 target you're going after. So I don't know if  
 9 anyone had access to seeing what the back of that  
 10 property looked like prior to our actual serving  
 11 of that warrant. So if we didn't have that  
 12 information it wouldn't have been relayed in the  
 13 briefing. They would have only based it on the  
 14 knowledge they could have had at that point.

15 Q. In any case, Officer Murray, at the  
 16 briefing for this warrant execution no one  
 17 mentioned that there was another door at the  
 18 property; correct?

19 A. Not to my recollection, no.

20 Q. To your recollection, why -- who  
 21 ordered the door to be breached?

22 A. I don't know that I gave -- have  
 23 that. Lieutenant Monk is what comes to mind, but  
 24 I can't say certainly.

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1 Q. Yes. Again, Officer Murray, as I  
 2 instructed you at the beginning, I'm not -- it's a  
 3 question of what you do personally know. So  
 4 please don't feel compelled to answer every  
 5 question. If you don't have the answer, please  
 6 don't guess or speculate. Okay?

7 A. Not a problem.

8 Q. So is it fair to say at this time  
 9 you do not recall who ordered for the door to be  
 10 breached?

11 A. That's fair to say.

12 Q. Okay. And do you have any memory  
 13 today of why the order was given when it was given  
 14 to breach the door?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 But, Officer, you can answer; if  
 17 you can.

18 THE WITNESS: No. I don't know  
 19 what the -- if there was -- we typically  
 20 give it a certain amount of time just  
 21 making multiple knocks and announce.  
 22 And I don't know anything specific.  
 23 This doesn't stand out as anything  
 24 different than any other job.



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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. So you said typically  
 3 there's a knock and announce before the door would  
 4 be breached; correct?  
 5 A. We always do a knock and announce.  
 6 I've never been since I've been in the SWAT unit  
 7 done a no-knock warrant.  
 8 Q. Okay. And you're not actually  
 9 allowed to do no-knock warrants; correct?  
 10 A. Any --  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Go ahead, Officer.  
 12 Object to form.  
 13 THE WITNESS: When I got on the job  
 14 I believe it was an option. Anymore I  
 15 don't believe it is. We don't do them.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. As of June 2021, was the SWAT unit  
 18 that you were a part of allowed to perform  
 19 no-knock warrants?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 21 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: As of '21, again, we  
 23 never did. I don't recall when that was  
 24 no longer an option for us.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. In any case, this warrant  
 3 execution involving Ms. Alvarado, was that  
 4 supposed to be a no-knock warrant or a knock and  
 5 announce warrant?  
 6 A. A knock and announce.  
 7 Q. So I think you mentioned that  
 8 typically the door would be knocked on a number of  
 9 times before the door would be breached; correct?  
 10 A. Correct.  
 11 Q. And a period of time would be  
 12 allowed to elapse; correct?  
 13 A. Correct.  
 14 Q. And why was that, why would you  
 15 allow a period of time before the breach?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: We give enough time  
 19 to try and get someone to comply and  
 20 open the door. Ideally someone will  
 21 open the door as opposed to us having to  
 22 breach the door.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. And isn't that to allow the

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1 occupant of the property a reasonable opportunity  
 2 to voluntarily surrender the property before the  
 3 door is breached?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 5 Officer, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. How much time passed, in your  
 9 recollection, from when Ms. Alvarado's front door  
 10 was knocked on until her door was breached?  
 11 A. I don't recall this job. As I  
 12 said, we serve a lot of warrants. So nothing  
 13 stands out about this particular warrant.  
 14 Q. Can you give an estimation or  
 15 approximation?  
 16 A. I can't.  
 17 Q. Based on your experience and  
 18 training with the SWAT unit, what should have been  
 19 the minimum amount of time that should have been  
 20 given before the door was breached?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: We don't have  
 24 minimums. If something happens that

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1 causes us to have exigent circumstances,  
 2 we will speed up the process. There's  
 3 no set time.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. Where there any exigent  
 6 circumstances on the morning of June 4th of 2021?  
 7 A. I don't recall any, but, again, I  
 8 don't remember the timeframe. So I can't say  
 9 specifically anything happening.  
 10 Q. Okay. So assuming that there are  
 11 no exigent circumstances, how much time should be  
 12 allowed as of the policies that were in effect in  
 13 June 2021 between someone's front door being  
 14 knocked on and their door being knocked down?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: We just say a  
 18 reasonable amount of time, which is  
 19 typically like 30 seconds.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. At least 30 seconds; correct?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 Q. Or could it be less than that?</p> <p>2 A. Without exigent circumstances I'm</p> <p>3 saying roughly 30 seconds.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Would it be at least 30</p> <p>5 seconds or can it be less than that?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>7 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: As I stated before,</p> <p>9 it's roughly 30 seconds.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Have you seen -- are you</p> <p>12 aware of whether or not there was any surveillance</p> <p>13 footage taken of this incident?</p> <p>14 A. I'm not aware of any either way.</p> <p>15 Q. Was anyone wearing any body</p> <p>16 cameras, to your knowledge?</p> <p>17 A. Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>18 Q. All right. Are you aware of the</p> <p>19 fact there was a neighboring business on the block</p> <p>20 that actually did record this incident?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 But, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of it.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 door to be breached in less than the normal amount</p> <p>2 of time?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>4 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I don't recall this,</p> <p>6 that specific part of this incident, so</p> <p>7 I can't say.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. When the door to Ms.</p> <p>10 Alvarado's apartment was breached, what did you</p> <p>11 believe was going to be on the other side of that</p> <p>12 door?</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>14 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: A common hallway</p> <p>16 where it leads you into typically a</p> <p>17 two-door situation where you have a door</p> <p>18 to the side and typically you have a</p> <p>19 door in front. The door to the side</p> <p>20 typically goes to the first floor. The</p> <p>21 door in front typically leads to a set</p> <p>22 of steps, which would get you to the</p> <p>23 second floor.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Q. So you've never seen that footage;</p> <p>2 correct?</p> <p>3 A. Correct.</p> <p>4 Q. Would you be surprised to learn</p> <p>5 that surveillance footage shows that at most only</p> <p>6 a few seconds passed between the officers arriving</p> <p>7 on Ms. Alvarado's front door step and her door</p> <p>8 being breached?</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>10 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Unless there was</p> <p>12 exigent circumstances, as I stated, I</p> <p>13 don't recall this exact breach. So</p> <p>14 without something causing the breach to</p> <p>15 be sped up, yeah, I mean, that would be</p> <p>16 surprising, but if there was something</p> <p>17 that caused one of the supervisors to</p> <p>18 place the order to breach faster than</p> <p>19 that, then that's not surprising.</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. And, again, related to this</p> <p>22 warrant enforcement, do you recall any exigent</p> <p>23 circumstances or any special circumstances that</p> <p>24 would have caused the officer to order for the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Q. Did you believe that there was</p> <p>2 going to be at least one dog on the other side of</p> <p>3 that door?</p> <p>4 A. At which point?</p> <p>5 Q. Before the door was breached.</p> <p>6 A. Before it was breached, I do</p> <p>7 believe I stated there was a dog barking. So, I</p> <p>8 mean, there was no knowledge -- like sometimes if</p> <p>9 we see a dog leash or beware of dog sign,</p> <p>10 something indicating on the property, we will note</p> <p>11 it in our recon sheets. Again, based on my prior</p> <p>12 statement there was nothing leading us to believe</p> <p>13 up until we got to that door there was a dog. I</p> <p>14 believe I said there was a dog barking. So there</p> <p>15 was no -- that was in the moment though, you know</p> <p>16 what I mean.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. So if you walk up to</p> <p>18 someone's front door and you can hear a dog</p> <p>19 barking on the other side, would you assume that</p> <p>20 there's a dog inside of the property?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 But, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Yes, once you hear</p> <p>24 the dog barking.</p>

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. So prior to breaching Ms.  
 3 Alvarado's front door you're aware of the fact  
 4 that there was a dog on the other side of the  
 5 door; correct?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Once the knock and  
 9 announce began that's when we were aware  
 10 of the dog being on the other side in  
 11 the property somewhere. Again, we  
 12 didn't know that that was leading into  
 13 her property. So knowing it was her  
 14 property or his property of where the  
 15 dog was barking from with our  
 16 expectation of not going into her  
 17 property, it's kind of a non-issue as  
 18 such.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. So what, if any, measures were put  
 21 in place prior to the door being breached to  
 22 handle the dog in a non-lethal manner?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 But, Officer you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: I personally carry  
 2 OC. But, as I said, I was further back  
 3 in the line. And the dog wasn't on me  
 4 at that point. So it depends if you  
 5 have the time to deploy it. And every  
 6 circumstance is different.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. What's OC?  
 9 A. Pepper spray in layman's terms.  
 10 Q. Okay. At some point were you  
 11 trained that pepper spray is something that should  
 12 be used on a dog in order to avoid a lethal  
 13 encounter?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. And when were you trained  
 19 that?  
 20 A. When I went through SWAT basic  
 21 school.  
 22 Q. Okay. So SWAT basic gave you  
 23 training on how to handle dogs in a non-lethal  
 24 manner?

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1 A. It's limited training. It's more  
 2 just given the knowledge that sometimes it works.  
 3 It doesn't always work. So it's a tool in the  
 4 toolbox just like everything else, unfortunately.  
 5 There's no definite means to controlling a vicious  
 6 dog.  
 7 Q. All right. Besides OC, were you  
 8 given any training on any other tools that you  
 9 could use in a dog encounter to avoid a lethal  
 10 outcome?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 12 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: There is a dog noose  
 14 that is typically retrieved from the  
 15 truck that is typically kept in the  
 16 truck rear containment drives, but  
 17 unfortunately, again, without having  
 18 prior knowledge of a dog or signs or  
 19 signage posted of any evidence of a dog,  
 20 it wouldn't be something we typically  
 21 carry along with all of the other gear  
 22 that we're bringing into a property  
 23 without prior knowledge.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. All right. Besides the dog noose,  
 2 were there any other tools?  
 3 A. Not that I can think of, offhand.  
 4 Q. Okay. So prior to breaching Ms.  
 5 Alvarado's front door, I think you mentioned that  
 6 you had some OC on you, but you were standing in  
 7 the rear and were not planning -- you were  
 8 planning on being like the last person to go in;  
 9 right?  
 10 A. I was one of the last people to go  
 11 in.  
 12 Q. All right. And there was no dog  
 13 noose.  
 14 Did any of the officers that were  
 15 -- that actually encountered the dog have any  
 16 tools deployed that they could use in the dog  
 17 encounter to prevent a lethal outcome?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I don't know what  
 21 each officer was carrying that day.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. So as part of the protocol before  
 24 the SWAT unit breached down someone's door and

1 goes into their house, wouldn't there normally be  
2 some coordination between the various SWAT  
3 officers to make sure that everybody has the  
4 proper tools and a plan to handle the encounter in  
5 a professional manner.

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Again, if there's a  
9 known dog then you can have -- put a  
10 plan into place. But, unfortunately,  
11 the way we work is there's a lot of  
12 flexibility. So you never -- all plans  
13 go out the door. So I may plan on being  
14 the third person and things -- I may be  
15 the last person in line and end up being  
16 the first person on the second floor at  
17 some point. So there's not -- depending  
18 on what you encounter when you walk into  
19 that room there's no saying, hey, you're  
20 going to deal with this person or this  
21 dog or that. You don't know where the  
22 dog is. You don't know who's going to  
23 -- you can attempt to have a plan if you  
24 know ahead of time. But, unfortunately,

1 these houses that we go into and the  
2 situations that we've put in you never  
3 know who's going to encounter what. So,  
4 unfortunately, when you're going after  
5 someone for a homicide your biggest  
6 concern is someone with lethal force  
7 that's going to use that against you.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay. So, Officer Murray, prior to  
10 entering a property where it's known that there's  
11 a dog inside, would the SWAT unit normally make  
12 some sort of plan on how to handle the dog  
13 encounter in a non-lethal manner?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: We may bring more OC  
17 canisters and larger ones versus just  
18 the small personal ones. As far as a  
19 noose team it depends on the situation  
20 because, again, we don't -- you can't go  
21 into a property with a noose first when  
22 you're encountering lethal force. So I  
23 don't think a noose would have  
24 appropriate in that situation,

1 unfortunately.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. And normally wouldn't you have to  
4 have the OC spray available to at least one of the  
5 officers who would be one of the first ones to  
6 enter the property so it could actually be used on  
7 the dog, if need be?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: It would help to have  
11 multiple because you never know, again,  
12 when you're going to encounter the dog  
13 or where the dog will be. So it's just  
14 typically you're the first person in the  
15 door, that door, it doesn't mean you're  
16 going to be the first person to  
17 encounter the dog.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Okay. So even if it wouldn't only  
20 be the first person it would be good that it would  
21 be at least the first person; correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, if they have the

1 time and the right situation to use it,  
2 yes.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. Was anything like that done  
5 in this situation involving Ms. Alvarado?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
7 Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: I don't know if  
9 anyone did or did not have OC on them  
10 aside from their personal.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Did anyone discuss the likelihood  
13 of a dog encounter whatsoever prior to breaching  
14 Ms. Alvarado's door?

15 A. Not to my recollection.

16 Q. To your knowledge, does the  
17 Philadelphia Police --

18 MR. WEST: I'm sorry. Can we go  
19 off the record for just a moment?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sure.

21 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Going off  
22 the record at 10:26 a.m.

23 ---

24 (Whereupon, a discussion took place

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1 off the video and stenographic records.)  
 2 ---  
 3 (Whereupon, a pertinent portion of  
 4 the record was read back by the court  
 5 reporter.)  
 6 ---  
 7 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Back on  
 8 the record at 10:28 a.m.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Officer Murray, to your knowledge,  
 11 as of June 2021, did the Philadelphia Police  
 12 Department have any policies or procedures in  
 13 place regarding dog encounters in the line of  
 14 duty?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Officer, you can answer again.  
 17 THE WITNESS: As far as what?  
 18 I'm sorry. What was the -- I don't  
 19 really grasp what you're looking for in  
 20 the question.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. So, in your experience, does  
 23 the City of Philadelphia Police Department have  
 24 various directives that tell police officers how

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1 they should act in different situations?  
 2 A. There are directives in place. As  
 3 far as one handling dogs in this nature, I don't  
 4 know of it, offhand, specifically.  
 5 Q. Not -- if there is one you've never  
 6 heard of it; correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, not to my  
 10 knowledge.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. So I think you testified  
 13 earlier that you believed that if Ms. Alvarado's  
 14 front door was breached that would lead into a  
 15 common area; correct?  
 16 A. Correct.  
 17 Q. What was the basis of that belief,  
 18 if any?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: The basis was we  
 22 didn't see any other doors on the  
 23 property, itself, in the front. And I  
 24 believe I stated there was a number one

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1 and two next to that door, based on my  
 2 prior statement. I don't recall at the  
 3 moment, but, again, I'm going off of my  
 4 prior statement to Internal Affairs.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. To your knowledge, did anyone speak  
 7 with the property manager or property owner or  
 8 anyone like that?  
 9 A. Not that I'm aware of.  
 10 Q. Okay. And you were completely  
 11 unaware of the fact that the property sat on a  
 12 cul-de-sac and had a very prominent door on the  
 13 rear; correct?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm unaware of  
 17 that.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. And you're unaware of the fact that  
 20 the warrant specified that it was only valid for  
 21 the rear of the building; correct?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was unaware of

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1 that.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. All right. Sir, I'd like to show  
 4 you a photograph, which was previously marked as  
 5 Exhibit-2 to Officer Saba's deposition.  
 6 A. Okay.  
 7 MR. WEST: I have an extra copy for  
 8 defense counsel.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. By the way, have you discussed this  
 11 incident with Officer Saba or any other member of  
 12 the SWAT unit that was there that day?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 14 form.  
 15 Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: No, aside from that  
 17 day, no.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. So what I'd ask you to do, sir, is  
 20 please look at the photograph that I've given you.  
 21 A. Right.  
 22 Q. And which you've had a chance to  
 23 review. Let me know if you recognize what that  
 24 is.



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1 A. I mean, based on if is this an  
2 accurate photo, my best recollection is I believe  
3 this is the property, the tan one that juts out.  
4 Q. Okay. Could you sort of like put a  
5 square around the property you're referring to  
6 with this green highlighter?  
7 A. Again, this is just to the best of  
8 my recollection, but -- (Witness complies.)  
9 Q. I see. So you believe that the  
10 building, the building in question, was this tan  
11 building; correct?  
12 A. Correct.  
13 Q. All right. And you've put a green  
14 highlighted box around that building; correct?  
15 A. Correct.  
16 Q. And I'm going to hand this back to  
17 you, but I'm going to say, first, do you recognize  
18 that there is a front door inside of that green  
19 square that you've created; right?  
20 A. I do see that.  
21 Q. Is that the front door that you  
22 breached or you and your SWAT unit breached?  
23 A. If this is accurate, yes, I  
24 believe.

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1 Q. Okay. Is there a second floor  
2 above that door?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Officer, you can answer.  
5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
6 BY MR. WEST:  
7 Q. So you're looking at that picture  
8 and you see a second floor above that door?  
9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
10 Officer, you can answer.  
11 THE WITNESS: I do.  
12 BY MR. WEST:  
13 Q. Okay. You don't see that that door  
14 enters into an area that is only one floor?  
15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
16 Officer, you can answer.  
17 THE WITNESS: You can clearly see  
18 there's three windows above it there on  
19 the second floor.  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. So at some point in the building  
22 it's two floors; right?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. But the door leads into an area  
2 that's only one floor; right?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Officer, you can answer.  
5 THE WITNESS: It appears it's an  
6 enclosed porch based on the other  
7 properties there to the left. So it  
8 appears that they enclosed the porch,  
9 extended and enclosed the porch. As far  
10 as the layout to a house prior to -- I  
11 know now being inside the property how  
12 the layout is. But prior to that you're  
13 just looking at what appears to be an  
14 enclosed porch and the door and the  
15 second floor above it.  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. So you would look at this and you  
18 would say -- you would assume that that's an  
19 enclosed porch?  
20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Officer, you can answer.  
22 THE WITNESS: Based on other  
23 properties I've been in, yes.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Did you make any effort to  
2 ascertain if anyone was living in the occupied  
3 area behind these windows within the green square?  
4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.  
6 THE WITNESS: Again, we're serving  
7 a high-risk homicide warrant. So for us  
8 to give people a heads up that, hey,  
9 we're going to try and get the layout of  
10 the property where we're trying to  
11 ascertain -- get someone who's killed  
12 other people or believed to have killed  
13 other people, then, no. We don't -- we  
14 do as much we can without scaring away  
15 the person who we're to target.  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. Could you answer the question I  
18 asked you?  
19 It can be read back to you, if  
20 you'd like.  
21 Would you like the last question  
22 read back to you?  
23 A. I was just giving why we don't  
24 ascertain -- we can't go and get all of that

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1 information.  
 2 Q. So let me have the last question  
 3 read back to you. Please answer the question that  
 4 you're actually asked.  
 5 A. Certainly.  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And an objection  
 7 for the record for him as his answer  
 8 being responsive.  
 9 ---  
 10 (Whereupon, a pertinent portion of  
 11 the record was read back by the court  
 12 reporter.)  
 13 ---  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And the same  
 15 objection to form, for the record.  
 16 But, Officer, if you want to answer  
 17 again, you can answer again.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Yes. So regardless of whether or  
 20 not you think it should have been made, was any  
 21 effort made to ascertain that?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
 23 I'm sorry. Go ahead, Officer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: I personally did not.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. And do you know if anyone  
 3 else did?  
 4 A. Not to my knowledge.  
 5 Q. Okay. And isn't it fair to say  
 6 that you can look at that picture today and you  
 7 can clearly see that that door leads into the same  
 8 area that's on the other side of those windows?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Officer, you can answer; if you  
 11 can.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, with hindsight I  
 13 can tell you where that leads to.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. So in hindsight in looking at that  
 16 picture you can clearly see that you're entering  
 17 an occupied area on the first floor; correct?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: With hindsight, yes,  
 21 I know exactly what's on the other side  
 22 of the door.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Okay. And since the warrant only

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1 covered Apartment Number 2 on the second floor  
 2 rear, just looking at that property, isn't it  
 3 clear that you were entering an occupied area that  
 4 was not Apartment Number 2 on the second floor  
 5 rear?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: As I stated before, I  
 9 didn't know it was the rear of the  
 10 property. I knew it was the second  
 11 floor. So based on now knowing the  
 12 layout, yes, I know now that it's not to  
 13 the second floor and that it's not to  
 14 the rear. And that's based on what you  
 15 said, if the warrant did say that it was  
 16 the rear property. But, again, that was  
 17 never shown to me.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. So if you're breaching the  
 20 front door of an occupied area on the first floor,  
 21 would that have been violating the warrant or did  
 22 you believe that was allowed under the  
 23 circumstances?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Based on the  
 3 information I had prior to us entering  
 4 that property, I believe that we were  
 5 entering into an area that would lead us  
 6 to the second floor and not into an  
 7 occupied space of solely the first  
 8 floor.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Right. So even though this wasn't  
 11 the case, I think you'll agree, if it had been  
 12 true that the second-floor apartment was  
 13 accessible by going through the first-floor  
 14 apartment, did you believe that that would have  
 15 been permissible if the warrant only applied to  
 16 the second-floor apartment?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Do you understand the question?  
 21 A. You're stating it as if we only had  
 22 access to the second floor, but we're also going  
 23 through an occupied first floor.  
 24 Q. Yes.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 A. Yes, you would have to have a  2 warrant covering the entire property had that been  3 the case. But with our expectation of it being a  4 common shared area that was why we entered that  5 door. But, yes, if we had to have -- if it was a  6 situation where we believe that the only way to  7 get to the second floor was through the first  8 occupied floor and not through a shared area,  9 then, yes, we would have to have a warrant that  10 would allow us to enter that way.  11 Q. So prior to breaching Ms.  12 Alvarado's front door, you knew that you were not  13 allowed to enter any occupied area other than the  14 second-floor rear apartment described in the  15 warrant; correct?  16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  17 Officer, you can answer.  18 THE WITNESS: Correct, we were  19 attempting to get to the second floor  20 only, not Ms. Alvarado's property.  21 BY MR. WEST:  22 Q. Okay. Prior to breaching Ms.  23 Alvarado's front door, did you know -- I'm not  24 asking if you had an assumption or a speculation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 had to base it off of the other recon  2 team's information. So I personally did  3 not do anything for this property's  4 recon.  5 BY MR. WEST:  6 Q. Have you ever been part of a recon  7 team?  8 A. Again, yes.  9 Q. I'm sorry, what?  10 A. Yes.  11 Q. Okay. And did you receive any  12 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  13 as to how to conduct recognizance in this kind of  14 situation?  15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  16 But, Officer, you can answer.  17 THE WITNESS: Yes, I've been  18 trained how to do recons.  19 BY MR. WEST:  20 Q. All right. So what training, if  21 any, did you receive from the Philadelphia Police  22 Department as to what you could do to determine  23 whether or not a door led to a common area or an  24 occupied area?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 -- did you know what was on the other side of that  2 door?  3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  4 Officer, you can answer.  5 THE WITNESS: I have never known  6 what's on the other side of another door  7 until I've gone through it.  8 BY MR. WEST:  9 Q. What, if any, efforts did you make  10 to determine whether or not someone was living on  11 the other side of that door?  12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  13 Officer, you can answer.  14 THE WITNESS: As I stated before,  15 we have a team that does our recon and  16 gets the information that we base it off  17 of. So I personally did nothing being  18 that it was not my personal  19 responsibility to get that information.  20 So we're all team members. We all have  21 our own job sets. Granted, a lot of  22 them are -- we may do different -- you  23 know, that may be my responsibility  24 today, but on this job it was not. So I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  2 Officer, you can answer.  3 THE WITNESS: I don't have any  4 training as far as having a building  5 layout and even blueprints that may have  6 been printed when they built the  7 structure. We've been in many houses  8 that have been converted and changed and  9 knowing what could possibly be inside  10 somebody else's house legally or  11 illegally you don't know until you're  12 inside that house. So there's nothing  13 other than what I can see from the  14 street view that would let me know the  15 information of what's inside the  16 property.  17 BY MR. WEST:  18 Q. Okay. Did the Philadelphia Police  19 Department ever provide any specific training on  20 how to conduct recognizance at multi-residence  21 buildings?  22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  23 Officer, you can answer.  24 THE WITNESS: No. There was a --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 the training I received was simply</p> <p>2 hands-on training while in SWAT basic</p> <p>3 school. When we go to our basic</p> <p>4 training that's you spend time going out</p> <p>5 and putting eyes on properties and</p> <p>6 getting ways that, you know, you're</p> <p>7 basically sizing up a property and</p> <p>8 seeing what information can be feasible.</p> <p>9 But as far as a specific one for a</p> <p>10 multi-dwelling it would just have been</p> <p>11 whatever is incorporated in that initial</p> <p>12 training.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. The City of Philadelphia is</p> <p>15 more densely populated than most areas in the</p> <p>16 United States; correct?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>18 Officer, you can answer; if you</p> <p>19 can.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I mean, we're a major</p> <p>21 city.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. Is it your experience that many</p> <p>24 people in the City of Philadelphia live in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>2 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And when you're attempting</p> <p>6 to execute a warrant at a multi-residence</p> <p>7 building, that does present special issues so that</p> <p>8 you are sure to only enter the property that</p> <p>9 you're allowed to enter with a warrant without</p> <p>10 violating the Constitutional Rights of any other</p> <p>11 people in the building; correct?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Can you just -- I'm</p> <p>15 sorry, can you run that back one more</p> <p>16 time?</p> <p>17 I apologize.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Sure. If you are executing a</p> <p>20 warrant --</p> <p>21 A. Right.</p> <p>22 Q. -- at a multi-residence building,</p> <p>23 doesn't that present a special consideration in</p> <p>24 that you want to make sure that you only enter the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 multi-residence dwellings; apartment buildings,</p> <p>2 houses, that might have multiple units within them</p> <p>3 of various forms of multi-residence properties?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, we see them both legal and</p> <p>5 illegal multi-residence properties.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Are you implying that the</p> <p>7 building in question was illegal in any way?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>9 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: No. What I'm saying</p> <p>11 is that we come across many types. So</p> <p>12 just because it appears to be a single</p> <p>13 dwelling, once you get inside you never</p> <p>14 know exactly how it's going to be.</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Well, as you already said,</p> <p>17 this warrant specifically referred to an apartment</p> <p>18 number, Apartment Number 2; correct?</p> <p>19 A. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. So not worrying about</p> <p>21 illegal properties, you were aware of the fact</p> <p>22 that there's certain properties that have</p> <p>23 apartments within a single building in the City of</p> <p>24 Philadelphia; correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 apartment identified in the warrant so that you</p> <p>2 don't enter anyone else's private home and violate</p> <p>3 their Constitutional Rights?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>5 Officer, you can answer; if you</p> <p>6 can.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Yes, we attempt based</p> <p>8 on the information that's available to</p> <p>9 us to always only enter the property</p> <p>10 that we believe -- or we always attempt</p> <p>11 to go directly to the property and not</p> <p>12 to disrupt any other properties, if at</p> <p>13 all possible.</p> <p>14 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>15 Q. Based on your training in the</p> <p>16 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police</p> <p>17 Department, do people who live in apartments have</p> <p>18 the same Constitutional Right not to have police</p> <p>19 officers break down their door and break into</p> <p>20 their house add shoot their dog as people who live</p> <p>21 in private homes?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>23 Officer, if you can answer; you can</p> <p>24 answer.</p>

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes, everyone has the  
2 same Constitutional Rights regardless of  
3 their property or whatever.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Given that, when you entered the  
6 building in question, how did you make sure that  
7 you weren't entering the apartment belonging to  
8 someone who is not subject to the warrant?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
10 Particularly, Officer, you can  
11 answer again.

12 THE WITNESS: As I answered before,  
13 I was given the information based on the  
14 other officers, what the other officers  
15 recovered when they went out and did  
16 their recon. And based on that  
17 information that's how we served this  
18 warrant attempting not to enter any  
19 other property. So I personally did not  
20 do a recon on it because that wasn't my  
21 job set that day. But I just took the  
22 information that was presented to me,  
23 and our your team executed the warrant  
24 based on that information.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. When you personally have done  
3 recognizance, as a member of the SWAT unit, have  
4 you ever contacted a property owner or property  
5 manager to ask about the layout of the property?

6 A. I have not, no.

7 Q. When you've done recognizance at --  
8 have you ever done recognizance at an apartment  
9 building?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So when you've done recognizance at  
12 an apartment building, how have you determined  
13 which -- how to get to the apartment in question?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Do you understand the question? I  
17 can rephrase that.

18 A. I understand what you're saying.  
19 Again, there's a lot of different types of  
20 apartments. So depending on the type of  
21 apartment, if it is a large multi-floored, you  
22 know, complex, that's one thing. Everything gets  
23 handled as best as we can while also not trying to  
24 tip off the target that we're, you know, trying to

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1 apprehend. So we use as much information that's  
2 at hand.

3 Q. Do you know whether or not the  
4 suspect in this situation was on parole or  
5 probation?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

7 But, Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: I'm unaware either  
9 way.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Have you ever contacted a parole or  
12 probation officer to ask how to get to the  
13 person's house?

14 A. I personally have not, no.

15 Q. Okay. Did you receive any training  
16 besides what we've discussed before from the  
17 Philadelphia Police Department as to how you could  
18 conduct recognizance on a multi-residence  
19 dwelling?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
21 asked and answered.

22 Officer, you can answer again.

23 THE WITNESS: Ask that again.

24 MR. WEST: Yes.

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1 THE WITNESS: I have a feeling we  
2 already did answer this question; right?  
3 Am I incorrect?

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Well, I'm just trying to make sure  
6 I'm not missing anything, because so far I don't  
7 recall you stating any specific checklist of items  
8 or techniques or anything you would do to figure  
9 out if you're going to the right apartment at a  
10 multi-residence dwelling.

11 So I'm just wondering is there  
12 anything that you would do to try to check?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
14 Officer.

15 THE WITNESS: Again, we do not have  
16 a checklist. I was trained how to  
17 conduct a recognizance. Without giving  
18 out everything that we use as a unit  
19 that is not privy to the public as far  
20 as tipping off how we do these, but we  
21 do not have a checklist as far as  
22 checking each little box. We take the  
23 information that's presented to us with  
24 as much information as possible without



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1 -- we try to gain as much information as  
 2 possible while not tipping off the  
 3 offender again.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. Is there anything you would  
 6 do beyond what you've already described?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: No.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. So I think you said that you  
 12 believe that the front door would lead to a common  
 13 area.  
 14 Was that something that you've been  
 15 trained or was that just some guess that you had  
 16 or where did that come from?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
 18 and asked and answered.  
 19 Officer, you can answer again.  
 20 THE WITNESS: That is based on the  
 21 numerous warrants we've done in the City  
 22 of Philadelphia and the information that  
 23 was presented on this recon paperwork.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Okay. If you had known that there  
 2 was a rear door, in every sense a front door as  
 3 much as the one that you breached with a gate on a  
 4 cul-de-sac, and if you had known that the warrant  
 5 specified the rear, would that possibly have  
 6 changed your thinking about whether or not you  
 7 needed to figure out which door led to the  
 8 second-floor rear apartment?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Officer, you can answer.  
 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, based on the  
 12 information you just said, had I known  
 13 that this was solely a rear property, we  
 14 still would have had people in the  
 15 front, but our entry point would have  
 16 been through the rear.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. As part of your  
 19 recognizance, have you ever attempted to obtain  
 20 blueprints to properties?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. So did you see Ms. Alvarado on the  
 2 date of the incident at any point?  
 3 A. I did.  
 4 Q. And just tell me everything you can  
 5 remember about that.  
 6 A. I believe they were -- the property  
 7 was being secured at that point. By the time I  
 8 encountered her she was in her kitchen area,  
 9 kitchen, dining room area. I believe she was  
 10 seated when I encountered her.  
 11 Q. Did you hear her ask for an  
 12 opportunity to put her dog in its cage?  
 13 A. I did not hear any of that, no.  
 14 Q. Do you specifically recall whether  
 15 or not she said that?  
 16 A. I never heard it, no.  
 17 Q. Did you see Officer Song fire his  
 18 gun?  
 19 A. I did.  
 20 Q. Where was the dog physically  
 21 located in relation to Officer Song at the time  
 22 that the gun was fired?  
 23 A. He was directly in front of him  
 24 facing him with his head, you know, pointed

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1 towards him.  
 2 Q. Okay. And how far apart was the  
 3 dog's head and Officer Song's body at that time?  
 4 A. Six inches to a foot, something  
 5 like that.  
 6 Q. Based on your experience and  
 7 training with the Philadelphia Police Department,  
 8 if you heard a dog barking inside of a property,  
 9 would that be any reason to cut short the amount  
 10 of time under the knock and announce rule between  
 11 knocking on the property and breaching the door?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer, you can answer; if you  
 14 can.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Do you know whether or not Officer  
 18 Clark played any role in the recognizance for the  
 19 warrant we're discussing?  
 20 A. I don't recall.  
 21 Q. Have you ever been interviewed by  
 22 Internal Affairs before?  
 23 A. Based on this job?  
 24 Q. Or any other job?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>2 But, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. How many times?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>7 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I don't have a</p> <p>9 number, offhand.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. Can you give an estimate or an</p> <p>12 approximation?</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>14 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: In my career I have</p> <p>16 probably, I guess, 20 times.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And what were those</p> <p>19 incidents about?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>21 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Everything, you name</p> <p>23 it, police complaints, police-involved</p> <p>24 shootings, anything.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 ---</p> <p>2 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:</p> <p>3 Q. Officer, you had answered a few</p> <p>4 questions from plaintiff's counsel about OC or</p> <p>5 pepper spray.</p> <p>6 Do you recall those questions?</p> <p>7 A. I recall answering questions. This</p> <p>8 particular question, I don't recall.</p> <p>9 Q. If you can, can you take me through</p> <p>10 any factors you might consider when you use pepper</p> <p>11 spray, just briefly describe what you might</p> <p>12 consider when you use pepper spray?</p> <p>13 A. As far as, I mean, you basically</p> <p>14 have to -- for humans or for dogs or for</p> <p>15 everything?</p> <p>16 Q. Any situation.</p> <p>17 A. Any situation. I mean, there's</p> <p>18 obviously a list of rules for when we can use OC</p> <p>19 such as on people. There's distances involved.</p> <p>20 Also, you have to worry about cross-contamination</p> <p>21 to the other operators in the property or other</p> <p>22 officers depending on the job, itself, you know.</p> <p>23 Being pepper sprayed myself, it takes away from</p> <p>24 your focus. It's obviously once you spray it in</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Have you ever been involved in any</p> <p>3 situation where there was an allegation that a</p> <p>4 property was entered without a warrant?</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>6 But, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Other than this incident; correct?</p> <p>10 A. Correct. To clarify, I was never</p> <p>11 interviewed for the purpose of the property being</p> <p>12 entered, you know, unintentionally. It was</p> <p>13 interviewed in regards to the shooting, not in</p> <p>14 reference to the property.</p> <p>15 Q. Have you ever been involved in any</p> <p>16 incident involving the shooting of an animal?</p> <p>17 A. I have not aside from this one.</p> <p>18 MR. WEST: All right. That's</p> <p>19 pretty much all the questions I have for</p> <p>20 you today.</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: All right.</p> <p>22 Officer, I just have a few very brief.</p> <p>23 ---</p> <p>24 EXAMINATION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 the house everyone that's in the house gets</p> <p>2 contaminated by it.</p> <p>3 Q. So the size of any closed space is</p> <p>4 one factor you consider?</p> <p>5 A. Absolutely.</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's all I have.</p> <p>7 I don't know if Keith has any</p> <p>8 follow-up on that.</p> <p>9 MR. WEST: Yes, just a quick</p> <p>10 follow-up.</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sure.</p> <p>12 ---</p> <p>13 EXAMINATION</p> <p>14 ---</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. So, Officer Murray, I'm trying to</p> <p>17 just visualize how all of this went down.</p> <p>18 So your belief is that the reason</p> <p>19 why Ms. Alvarado's front door was breached was</p> <p>20 because there was an expectation that once that</p> <p>21 door was forced open there would be some sort of</p> <p>22 porch or common area on the other side; correct?</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,</p> <p>24 beyond the scope, asked and answered.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 Go ahead, Officer.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Again, yes.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. When that door was breached,</p> <p>5 however, anybody who looked inside would have seen</p> <p>6 a normal looking apartment; right?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection and</p> <p>8 object to form.</p> <p>9 Officer?</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: You would have seen</p> <p>11 the apartment, yes.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And you did eventually enter</p> <p>14 an apartment, it looked like a normal apartment,</p> <p>15 couch, TV, kitchen; right?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>17 Officer?</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, I was</p> <p>19 in the living and the kitchen was the</p> <p>20 extent of how far I went in, but, yes.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. But anybody who looked</p> <p>23 inside that dwelling could immediately recognize</p> <p>24 that was an occupied area; correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 there isn't a second-floor access from</p> <p>2 there. So if it very -- like I said</p> <p>3 before, when you have these properties,</p> <p>4 people rehabilitate them, they change</p> <p>5 them. There's nothing saying that this</p> <p>6 -- now this defendant can't go freely</p> <p>7 from the first and second floor. So</p> <p>8 just in the matter of for the purpose of</p> <p>9 securing the property it was secured,</p> <p>10 but you're not actively searching this</p> <p>11 house and tearing it, you know, tearing</p> <p>12 it and looking for evidence and that</p> <p>13 aspect. Once you have that access</p> <p>14 you're going to gain control and then</p> <p>15 move. Once they realized it was the</p> <p>16 second floor they exited while I</p> <p>17 maintained the security of the first</p> <p>18 floor. And then they were able to</p> <p>19 execute a second floor and get that, you</p> <p>20 know, under control.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. So in executing this warrant for</p> <p>23 the second-floor Apartment Number 2 rear, once the</p> <p>24 members of the SWAT unit knew that they were</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>2 Officer?</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it appeared</p> <p>4 that it was at least a single. Whether</p> <p>5 it also extended to the second floor,</p> <p>6 that you couldn't say.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. See, here's what I don't</p> <p>9 understand. Even if the SWAT unit for some reason</p> <p>10 believed ahead of time that if they knocked down</p> <p>11 that door it would lead into some sort of common</p> <p>12 area, once that door was knocked in and people</p> <p>13 looked ahead, shouldn't they have recognized</p> <p>14 immediately that they were entering an occupied</p> <p>15 area and then withdrawn?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objections.</p> <p>17 Officer?</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Again, we were going</p> <p>19 after a homicide. Just to put it in</p> <p>20 perspective, you're going after a</p> <p>21 homicide suspect. So if -- now we have</p> <p>22 a duty to contain the property. We're</p> <p>23 not necessarily searching and doing all</p> <p>24 of that. But you -- we don't know that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 entering an occupied first-floor apartment, were</p> <p>2 they allowed to continue and go into that</p> <p>3 apartment or should they have understood that they</p> <p>4 were not allowed to be there?</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objections</p> <p>6 and objection to form.</p> <p>7 Officer?</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: As I stated before,</p> <p>9 you're securing it. We entered there</p> <p>10 with the basis of -- with the</p> <p>11 expectation of it being a common area.</p> <p>12 Again, it has the concern and safety</p> <p>13 issue, even for Ms. Alvarado's -- that</p> <p>14 is her name; correct?</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. Alvarado.</p> <p>17 A. Alvarado, excuse me, Alvarado's.</p> <p>18 If we now -- if there is flow back and forth and</p> <p>19 this male is coming down, he could harm her. So</p> <p>20 we have to secure the property and ensure that</p> <p>21 she's safe. Nobody in any -- had any intention of</p> <p>22 going in her property with the expectation of</p> <p>23 encountering her or violating Constitutional</p> <p>24 Rights. It is -- but now that we're here we have</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 to secure and make sure that she is still safe</p> <p>2 from the suspected murderer who's on the second</p> <p>3 floor of the property and that she doesn't have --</p> <p>4 he doesn't have access and he can put her in</p> <p>5 harm's way. So as much as it is a shame that</p> <p>6 we're in the property and that mistake was made</p> <p>7 it's now our job to make sure that she is safe</p> <p>8 until we actually secure her property and go from</p> <p>9 there.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you believe that the SWAT unit</p> <p>11 was protecting Ms. Alvarado from her dog?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>13 Officer, you can answer; if you</p> <p>14 can.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: That was not the</p> <p>16 intention at any point.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Do you believe that anyone from the</p> <p>19 SWAT unit attempted to gain Ms. Alvarado's consent</p> <p>20 to enter her private home?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>22 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: When we knocked and</p> <p>24 announced it was attempting to gain the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 we knew there was no issues and then it</p> <p>2 would have just been handed down to the</p> <p>3 supervisor obviously to deal with the</p> <p>4 issue as far as the City Solicitor would</p> <p>5 handle it as far as the fact that we</p> <p>6 entered her property incorrectly.</p> <p>7 MR. WEST: All right. That's all I</p> <p>8 have for today. Thanks.</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No follow-up here.</p> <p>10 Thank you.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Not a problem, not a</p> <p>12 problem.</p> <p>13 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Going off</p> <p>14 the record at 11:03 a.m.</p> <p>15 ---</p> <p>16 (Whereupon, a discussion took place</p> <p>17 off the video record only.)</p> <p>18 ---</p> <p>19 MR. WEST: I think the only thing</p> <p>20 is we should quickly put on the record</p> <p>21 that we will mark this as Murray</p> <p>22 Exhibit-1. By mutual agreement that's</p> <p>23 marked Murray-1.</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: We'll mark it on</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 second floor, not her floor, not her</p> <p>2 property.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Once the door was breached,</p> <p>5 isn't it true that Ms. Alvarado asked for the</p> <p>6 officers to leave?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,</p> <p>8 all of the previous objections.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I never heard her ask</p> <p>10 for anyone to leave, no.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Last question.</p> <p>13 So you -- once the officers knew</p> <p>14 that they had entered the wrong apartment, you</p> <p>15 don't believe that they were obligated to leave as</p> <p>16 soon as possible?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of</p> <p>18 objections.</p> <p>19 Officer?</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Again, our obligation</p> <p>21 at that point is to make sure that she's</p> <p>22 safe and the property is secure. And</p> <p>23 unfor -- had it not been a dog shooting</p> <p>24 we would have backed out once he was --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 our end and agreed.</p> <p>2 ---</p> <p>3 (Whereupon, Exhibit Murray-1 was</p> <p>4 marked for identification.)</p> <p>5 ---</p> <p>6 (Whereupon, the deposition</p> <p>7 concluded at 11:03 p.m.)</p> <p>8 ---</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>

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# EXHIBIT “D”



Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Officer James Ashford**

**Date:** May 22, 2023

**Case:** Felishatay Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et al.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 Today's date is May 22nd at 9:00</p> <p>2 a.m. -- 9:08. This is -- deposition is</p> <p>3 being performed in person. The case</p> <p>4 caption is Alvarado versus City of</p> <p>5 Philadelphia, et al., 220601633.</p> <p>6 The witness being deposed today is</p> <p>7 Officer James Bradford[sic], Badge</p> <p>8 Number 3802. This deposition is being</p> <p>9 taken on behalf of plaintiff, Felishatay</p> <p>10 Alvarado.</p> <p>11 The officer taking this deposition</p> <p>12 is Candace Weindel, and she shall swear</p> <p>13 the witness in at this time.</p> <p>14 MR. WEST: I think you may have</p> <p>15 misspoke.</p> <p>16 It's Ashford; correct?</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Ashford.</p> <p>18 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: What did I</p> <p>19 say?</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Bradford.</p> <p>21 MR. WEST: Officer Ashford.</p> <p>22 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Officer</p> <p>23 Ashford.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Ashford.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 know, this isn't intended to be an -- any more</p> <p>2 uncomfortable than necessary. So if you need to</p> <p>3 take a break at any time, if you'd like some more</p> <p>4 water, coffee, anything like that, just let us</p> <p>5 know. We're going to try to be as accommodating</p> <p>6 as possible. Okay?</p> <p>7 A. Okay.</p> <p>8 Q. Similarly, one of our instructions</p> <p>9 will be please don't answer any questions unless</p> <p>10 you feel that you understand them. If you need me</p> <p>11 to rephrase a question, restate it, speak louder,</p> <p>12 slower, anything like that, if you let me know,</p> <p>13 I'm going to try to rephrase or restate the</p> <p>14 question. Okay?</p> <p>15 A. Okay.</p> <p>16 Q. But if you -- if you answer it,</p> <p>17 we'll assume that you understood. Okay?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. As I'm sure your attorney already</p> <p>20 advised you, your only obligation today is to give</p> <p>21 truthful testimony based on what you personally</p> <p>22 know. So don't feel that you have to answer every</p> <p>23 question like a multiple choice, no need to guess</p> <p>24 or speculate. Okay? Just let us know what you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 - - -</p> <p>2 OFFICER JAMES ASHFORD, after having</p> <p>3 been first duly sworn, was examined and</p> <p>4 testified as follows:</p> <p>5 - - -</p> <p>6 EXAMINATION</p> <p>7 - - -</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Good morning, sir. My name is</p> <p>10 Keith West. I'm one of the attorneys representing</p> <p>11 the plaintiff in this case, Ms. Alvarado. Just a</p> <p>12 few preliminary questions we have to ask</p> <p>13 everybody, so don't -- please don't think anything</p> <p>14 into it.</p> <p>15 Have you had an opportunity to</p> <p>16 confer with your attorney, the attorney from the</p> <p>17 City here today, and are you prepared to testify?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, I am.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Are you under the influence</p> <p>20 of any sort of medication, substance, illness,</p> <p>21 anything that would impair your ability to testify</p> <p>22 truthfully today?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Just to let you know, you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 know if you know it. Okay?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. On the other hand, it -- it may be</p> <p>4 that you have partial knowledge or some knowledge.</p> <p>5 Whatever you know, we'd like to know. So if</p> <p>6 you're able to give an estimate or an</p> <p>7 approximation, please give us your estimate or</p> <p>8 approximation and just let us know that's what you</p> <p>9 are doing. Okay?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. The -- I guess one other thing,</p> <p>12 too, is in many ways this is similar to a normal</p> <p>13 conversation. But we do have a court reporter</p> <p>14 here. She has to write down everything we say.</p> <p>15 So please be sure that all of your responses are</p> <p>16 spoken and -- because like nods of the head, that</p> <p>17 kind of thing, won't get on the record. Okay?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. All right. Officer Ashford, have</p> <p>20 you ever been in a deposition before?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Have you ever been in an</p> <p>23 internal affairs investigation before other than</p> <p>24 the incident involving Ms. Alvarado?</p>

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 3 But Officer, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. And how often has that  
 7 happened?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 But Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: Not many.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. Could you give me an  
 13 estimate or approximation?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 15 Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: With internal  
 17 affairs?  
 18 MR. WEST: Internal affairs.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Three times.  
 20 MR. WEST: Three times.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. And just briefly, what were  
 23 each of those incidents related to?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

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1 But Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. You don't recall any details about  
 5 these incidents whatsoever?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: I don't re -- recall.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. I'm sorry. Could you repeat your  
 11 answer?  
 12 A. I don't recall.  
 13 Q. You don't recall any -- any facts  
 14 about any of these incidents whatsoever; correct?  
 15 A. What --  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: What incidents are  
 19 you referring to?  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. So, sir, your testimony was that  
 22 you have been involved in three other internal  
 23 affairs investigations; correct?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Do you recall any facts about any  
 2 of those incidents whatsoever?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Most recent one was  
 6 the barricade we had recently and the  
 7 dog shooting one and the last one was --  
 8 the last one was Corporal O'Connor's  
 9 shooting.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. So what was the barricade  
 12 incident about?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 14 But Officer, you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Male shooting at  
 16 police.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. There was a man who was shooting at  
 19 police?  
 20 A. Yes, man with a gun.  
 21 Q. Okay. What was -- what was the  
 22 man's name?  
 23 A. I don't recall.  
 24 Q. Okay. When did this take place?

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1 A. About three, four weeks ago.  
 2 Q. Okay. All right.  
 3 And then the -- the dog shooting  
 4 incident, what's that about?  
 5 A. That was back in 2021.  
 6 Q. Okay. And what happened?  
 7 A. We served a warrant on, I believe,  
 8 Torresdale Avenue -- I don't know the exact  
 9 address -- and I was front containment.  
 10 Q. Okay. Is this the incident  
 11 involving Ms. Alvarado?  
 12 A. Repeat.  
 13 Q. Are you referring right now to the  
 14 incident involving Ms. Alvarado?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Okay. What was the Corporal  
 17 O'Connor incident about?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 But Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: We served a -- a  
 21 warrant for a person wanted for -- for  
 22 homicide.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. And then what happened?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 2 But Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: My corporal got shot  
 4 in the line of duty and he died.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. When did that happen?  
 7 A. 2020.  
 8 Q. Okay. The barricade incident that  
 9 you referred to, did that have anything to do with  
 10 a warrant enforcement action?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 12 But Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Repeat that.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. The -- so of the three incidents  
 16 you referred to, the first one you said that  
 17 involved a barricade --  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. -- did that incident involve a  
 20 warrant enforcement?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
 22 But Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Okay. All right, sir.  
 2 So you are a member of the SWAT  
 3 unit of the Philadelphia Police Department; is  
 4 that correct?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. When did you first join the SWAT  
 7 unit?  
 8 A. 2022.  
 9 Q. So you were not --  
 10 A. I mean, 20 -- correction, 2002.  
 11 Q. 2002?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Okay. So coming up on like 21  
 14 years now; right?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Prior to joining the SWAT unit,  
 17 what was your job?  
 18 A. Patrol officer in the 19th  
 19 District.  
 20 Q. Okay. So you were a patrol officer  
 21 with the Philadelphia Police Department?  
 22 A. That's correct.  
 23 Q. How -- how long did you have that  
 24 job?

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1 A. As a patrol officer in the 19th  
 2 District?  
 3 Q. Yeah.  
 4 A. About four years.  
 5 Q. Okay. And then what job did you  
 6 have prior to that, if any?  
 7 A. You mean before I became a police  
 8 officer?  
 9 Q. So you said you were a patrol  
 10 officer for four years; right?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. What job did you have before  
 13 becoming a patrol officer?  
 14 A. I was a patrol officer.  
 15 Q. Okay. Before you --  
 16 A. I don't understand the question.  
 17 Q. Right. For four years you were a  
 18 patrol officer; correct?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. Okay. Did you have any form of  
 21 employment or a job title before becoming a patrol  
 22 officer?  
 23 A. Outside of the scope of being a  
 24 police officer, is that what you are asking me?

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1 Q. I'm just asking you what was your  
 2 job before you became a patrol officer?  
 3 A. I was a student.  
 4 Q. Okay. So if I am doing my math  
 5 right, have you been a member of the Philadelphia  
 6 Police Department now for on about -- on about 25  
 7 years; is that right?  
 8 A. That's correct, sir.  
 9 Q. Okay. And you are still employed;  
 10 correct?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. You're wearing a uniform, so you're  
 13 still a member of the SWAT unit; is that correct?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Okay. All right, sir.  
 16 I believe that you testified that  
 17 -- with regards to the June 2021 incident at Ms.  
 18 Alvarado's house, you were a member of the front  
 19 containment; is that correct?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. What was front containment?  
 22 A. Front containment is that you  
 23 contain the property and you cover down on the  
 24 location that you want to serve the warrant on so

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1 that our entry team can arrive safely.  
 2 Q. Okay. So there's an entry team  
 3 that -- that actually enters the property;  
 4 correct?  
 5 A. That's correct.  
 6 Q. Okay. And so does the front  
 7 containment unit stand behind those -- those  
 8 officers?  
 9 A. Stand behind or be in front. It  
 10 depends on the line of march. It depends on the  
 11 approach of the house.  
 12 Q. And is part of the -- the front  
 13 containment's job duties to make sure that nobody  
 14 either goes in or out of the property from the  
 15 street?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. You're kind of patrolling the --  
 18 the Torresdale Avenue in this situation; correct?  
 19 A. Just making sure -- just making  
 20 sure everyone is safe, so --  
 21 Q. On Torresdale Avenue; correct?  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. And could you hear -- like with --  
 24 with your own ears, could you hear if anybody

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1 knocked on the door before -- before the door was  
 2 breached in this operation?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. You're sure you could?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Okay. How many officers were  
 7 closer to the door than you on that operation?  
 8 A. I would say approximately maybe  
 9 eight.  
 10 Q. Okay. So there were at least eight  
 11 officers who were in closer proximity if the door  
 12 was knocked on or not; correct?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Did you have any sort of equipment  
 15 available to you that would have made it where you  
 16 could hear the door being knocked on if these  
 17 other eight officers couldn't hear it?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 But Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. Could you physically see  
 23 whether or not anyone knocked on the door?  
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. All right. Do you know whether or  
 2 not at some point the front door to Ms. Alvarado's  
 3 apartment was breached?  
 4 A. I wasn't in like -- approximately  
 5 in front of the door, but yes. I -- I wasn't able  
 6 to tell because I'm focusing on the second floor  
 7 covering down.  
 8 Q. Okay. So you couldn't physically  
 9 see whether or not her door was breached?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 THE WITNESS: No, I could not.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Okay. And you said you were  
 14 focused on the second floor?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Okay. Can you tell me why you were  
 17 focused on the second floor?  
 18 A. Because I'm the -- I'm the cover  
 19 guy. I'm containment.  
 20 Q. Okay. Was it your understanding  
 21 that the person who the warrant was for was on the  
 22 second floor of the building?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Okay. And where did you gain that

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1 -- that understanding?  
 2 A. On the brief. We had a brief.  
 3 Q. Who led the brief?  
 4 A. I don't recall.  
 5 Q. Do you think that might have been  
 6 either Lieutenant Monk or Sergeant Mellody?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Sergeant  
 10 Melanie[sic].  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. You believe it was Sergeant -- is  
 13 it Melanie or Mellody?  
 14 A. Melanie.  
 15 Q. Melanie. Okay. Sorry for  
 16 mispronouncing it. Sorry if -- I'm a little hard  
 17 of hearing. I apologize for that, if I  
 18 mispronounce things every so often.  
 19 All right. So Sergeant Melanie  
 20 gave a briefing prior to the -- the incident where  
 21 the front door to Ms. Alvarado's apartment was  
 22 breached; correct?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 But Officer, you can answer.



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1 THE WITNESS: I would say yes.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Are -- are you saying yes because  
4 that seems correct, or do you actually have a  
5 memory of it?

6 A. If he is leading the -- the  
7 operation, then it would be him.

8 Q. Sir, but is it -- is it correct  
9 then that, sitting here today, you have no actual  
10 recollection of this?

11 A. I do --

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
13 Officer, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: I do have a recollect  
15 of the job.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. All right, sir. But just to make  
18 sure you understand the question I'm asking, do  
19 you, sitting here today, have any specific  
20 recollection whatsoever of Sergeant Melanie giving  
21 a briefing related to this operation?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Repeat that again.

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1 who were serving the warrant and  
2 basically it was for homicide.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. Can you recall anything  
5 else?

6 A. No.

7 Q. All right. But he told you  
8 specifically, as part of the front containment,  
9 that you should focus on the second floor;  
10 correct?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: No, that's not -- I'm  
14 front containment. My duties is to  
15 cover down on the whole property of that  
16 location or that address, not --

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Sir -- did I interrupt you?

19 A. Not just the second floor, the  
20 whole property.

21 Q. All right. I -- sir, I don't have  
22 the transcript in front of me, but didn't you  
23 previously say that you were focused on the second  
24 floor?

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Sitting here today, do you have any  
3 specific recollection, like an actual memory, not  
4 just an assumption or an inference -- do you have  
5 any actual memory of Sergeant Melanie leading a  
6 briefing related to this operation?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. All right.  
11 So please tell me everything that  
12 you can remember that Sergeant Melanie said.

13 A. I can't recall that, exactly  
14 everything that he said.

15 Q. Okay. But my question was  
16 everything you can remember that he said. So  
17 please tell me everything that you remember him  
18 saying.

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Basically we have a  
22 warrant -- I don't know the exact  
23 location -- on Torresdale Avenue. He  
24 gave the lineup, gave the -- the people

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1 A. Well --

2 Q. That's why you couldn't tell what  
3 was going on at the front door?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: Reason being because  
7 the entry team is already at the front  
8 door. I'm not focusing on the first  
9 floor because we already have SWAT  
10 officers at that location. Now I am  
11 focusing on the second floor.

12 MR. WEST: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: That's what we do.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. Did Sergeant Melanie give  
16 any instructions during the briefing as to whether  
17 or not the warrant was valid for the entire  
18 building or only a portion of the building?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Okay. Did Sergeant Melanie --  
24 strike the question.

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1 Have you ever, as a member of the  
2 SWAT unit of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
3 enforced a search warrant at a multi-residence  
4 property?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

6 Officer, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. And in your experience, have you  
10 ever had a search warrant which only applied to  
11 one apartment within a multi-residence property?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

13 Officer, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Pursuant to the policies and  
17 procedures of the Philadelphia -- Philadelphia  
18 Police Department, as you understand them based on  
19 your experience and training as a member of the  
20 SWAT unit for many years, when you enforce a  
21 warrant at a multi-residence property, if the  
22 warrant specifies only a certain apartment within  
23 that property, are you allowed to go anywhere with  
24 -- on the property or only to that specific

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1 that's specific to a certain apartment, then when  
2 you go to the multi-residence property where that  
3 apartment is located, you understand that legally  
4 you're only allowed to go into that one apartment;  
5 correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

7 Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. And where did you gain that  
11 understanding?

12 A. What do you mean by that?

13 Q. So, sir, you just testified as to  
14 your understanding of the law in this area;  
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Where did you get that  
18 understanding?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

20 You can answer, Officer.

21 THE WITNESS: Where you get that  
22 understanding is that during the brief,  
23 we have a location of the actual  
24 address. So prior to going to that

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1 apartment?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 Officer, you can answer if you can.

4 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat that  
5 question, please?

6 MR. WEST: Can you repeat it,  
7 Candace?

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

9 MR. WEST: We're going to read back  
10 the same question. Okay?

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12 (Whereupon, the court reporter read  
13 back the pertinent testimony.)

14 - - -

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

16 Officer...

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Yes what?

20 A. To that property.

21 Q. Anywhere on the property?

22 A. No, to that location, that address  
23 to that apartment, only to that apartment.

24 Q. Okay. So if you have a warrant

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1 property, we have information.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. As a member of the  
4 Philadelphia Police Department, has anybody from  
5 the Philadelphia Police Department ever given you  
6 any training with regards to how to enforce a  
7 warrant at a multi-residence property?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

9 Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. When did you receive that  
13 training?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Back in 2002, when I  
17 first started with the SWAT unit.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive similar  
20 training again or was it just the first time back  
21 in 2002?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't understand

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1 the question.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. So you -- you said that you  
 4 received certain specific training on this issue  
 5 back in 2002; is that --  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. -- true? Did you receive that  
 8 training?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Okay. So did you only receive  
 11 training on this issue once back in 2002 or have  
 12 you received it subsequently as well?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 15 THE WITNESS: When you say  
 16 training, I don't understand what you're  
 17 saying as far as training concern --  
 18 like what do you mean?  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Sir, do you have a general  
 21 understanding of the meaning of the word training?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. Could you tell me what your  
 3 understanding of the meaning of that word is?  
 4 THE WITNESS: When someone teaches  
 5 or show you something.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Okay. So did anyone from the  
 8 Philadelphia Police Department ever teach you or  
 9 show you how to enforce an arrest warrant or a  
 10 search warrant at a multi-residence property?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. When did that take place?  
 16 A. Back in '02 when I start the SWAT  
 17 unit. We get information to serve a warrant and  
 18 we go do a recon at the property or the location  
 19 that the SWAT officers are going to hit.  
 20 Q. Okay. So back in 2002, who  
 21 specifically gave you the training you're  
 22 referring to?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 Officer, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Do you recall the job title of this  
 4 person or the location at which the training took  
 5 place?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Training officer.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Training officer with the  
 11 Philadelphia Police Department?  
 12 A. With the SWAT unit.  
 13 Q. Okay. So training officer for the  
 14 SWAT unit; is that correct?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. As a training officer, is there  
 17 only one training officer or is there more than  
 18 one?  
 19 A. It could be more than one.  
 20 Q. Okay. Is there currently a  
 21 training officer of the SWAT unit of the  
 22 Philadelphia Police Department?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Who is that person?

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1 A. We have a lot of them. I mean,  
 2 it's -- training officer -- like I don't  
 3 understand the question. I mean, what are you  
 4 asking me?  
 5 Q. Okay. So you said that you know  
 6 who the training officer is; correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. And then I asked you who it is; do  
 12 you remember me asking you that?  
 13 A. Yes, I do.  
 14 Q. Okay. So since you said you know,  
 15 could you please tell me?  
 16 A. Training officer Sergeant Binns.  
 17 Q. Could you spell that last name?  
 18 A. B-I-N-N-S.  
 19 Q. Okay.  
 20 A. We have Officer Buck, Officer  
 21 Sharamtew.  
 22 Q. Could you spell his last name --  
 23 A. S --  
 24 Q. -- his or her? Sorry.

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1 A. S-H-A-R-A-M-T-E-W.  
 2 Q. Okay.  
 3 A. That's it.  
 4 Q. Is that it?  
 5 A. Yeah.  
 6 Q. Okay. And the three people that  
 7 you just named, would they have been the training  
 8 officers for the SWAT unit back in June 2021?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 But Officer, you can answer if you  
 11 can.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Okay. Have you yourself ever been  
 15 a training officer?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. All right. So what specific  
 18 instructions did you receive from the training  
 19 officer as far as how you should enforce a warrant  
 20 at a multi-residence property if the warrant only  
 21 applied to one apartment therein?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 24 THE WITNESS: I don't understand

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1 the question.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. All right. I can try to repeat it.  
 4 Let me know if you understand it this time.  
 5 A. Okay.  
 6 Q. What specific instruction did you  
 7 receive from the training officer as far as to how  
 8 you should enforce a warrant at a multi-residence  
 9 property if that warrant only applied to one  
 10 apartment therein?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 13 THE WITNESS: When you do a recon,  
 14 you go out and you look at the property.  
 15 You look at the front and see how the  
 16 structure is built. You look at the  
 17 rear and see if there's -- you know, the  
 18 structure of the rear. Also, you look  
 19 at if the property is marked or not.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. Have you yourself ever done  
 22 recon as part of the SWAT unit?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Okay. So you have all the training

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1 that somebody would need to do recon as part of  
 2 the SWAT unit; correct?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. When you say marked or not, what  
 8 does that mean?  
 9 A. When I say marked, it means it has  
 10 an address.  
 11 Q. Oh, okay. So you mean like just an  
 12 address marker on the building; correct?  
 13 A. Numbers, with numbers.  
 14 Q. Okay. And you would review the  
 15 front of the property; correct?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: That's the training,  
 19 yes.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. All right. And you would review  
 22 the rear of the property; correct?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

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1 Officer..  
 2 THE WITNESS: If you do a recon,  
 3 yes.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. Besides that, what, if any,  
 6 steps would you make -- would you take as part of  
 7 the reconnaissance for the SWAT unit to determine  
 8 where the various apartments were located inside  
 9 of a multi-residence property before breaching the  
 10 property?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: I don't quite  
 14 understand the question.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Would that be it; it wouldn't take  
 17 any more steps than that?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. All right.  
 22 Prior to the -- Ms. Alvarado's  
 23 front door being breached, did you know whether or  
 24 not that building had a rear door?

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1 A. No.  
2 Q. You did not know there was a rear  
3 door; correct?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. It is correct or not correct?  
6 A. No, I did not know.  
7 Q. Okay. Did you know what apartment  
8 the warrant was valid for?  
9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
10 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
11 THE WITNESS: Second floor rear.  
12 BY MR. WEST:  
13 Q. Okay. Did you know how to access  
14 the second floor rear apartment of that building?  
15 A. No.  
16 Q. Did anybody, as part of the SWAT  
17 unit, to your knowledge, know how to get to the  
18 second floor rear apartment before Ms. Alvarado's  
19 front door was breached?  
20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Officer, you can answer.  
22 THE WITNESS: I can't answer that.  
23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. To your knowledge, did anyone know?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
2 Officer...  
3 THE WITNESS: I can't answer that.  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. Why can't you answer that?  
6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
7 THE WITNESS: Because I don't know  
8 what anyone else would think. I don't  
9 know.  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. Okay. When -- when Sergeant  
12 Melanie gave the briefing, did he say anything  
13 about how to get to the second floor rear  
14 apartment?  
15 A. No.  
16 Q. And -- and Sergeant Melanie just  
17 gave one briefing for all of the members of the  
18 SWAT unit; correct?  
19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
20 Officer...  
21 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. Did you hear anyone order for Ms.  
24 Alvarado's front door to be breached?

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1 A. No, I did not hear.  
2 Q. Okay. Do you know what the  
3 knock-and-announce rule is?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. What is the knock-and-announce  
6 rule?  
7 A. Basically, you knock on the door.  
8 You announce that you're a police officer for any  
9 occupants inside the property to notify -- to let  
10 them know that the police are here to serve a  
11 warrant to give them enough time to, I guess, wake  
12 up, don't startle them or alarm them.  
13 Q. And do you also understand that  
14 part of the knock-and-announce rule is you're  
15 supposed to give people enough time that they can  
16 voluntarily surrender the property if they're  
17 inclined to do so?  
18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Officer, you can answer.  
20 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
21 BY MR. WEST:  
22 Q. Okay. So based on the training  
23 that you've received as a member of the  
24 Philadelphia Police Department, how much time

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1 should you let pass between knocking on someone's  
2 front door to -- to enforce a warrant and before  
3 you actually breach the front door?  
4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.  
6 THE WITNESS: I would say 20 to 30  
7 seconds.  
8 BY MR. WEST:  
9 Q. Twenty to 30 seconds is -- is all  
10 the time somebody would get before you'd kick in  
11 their door?  
12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
13 Officer...  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. Is that correct?  
16 A. Yes, approximately.  
17 Q. Okay. So how much time actually  
18 passed between someone knocking on Ms. Alvarado's  
19 door and her door getting breached?  
20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Officer...  
22 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. Okay. Have you seen the video?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Did you even know there was video?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. I can represent to you the</p> <p>5 video shows there was about two seconds.</p> <p>6 Do you have any -- any personal</p> <p>7 knowledge to contradict that?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>9 Officer...</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. Would that be reasonable based on</p> <p>13 your understanding of the knock-and-announce rule</p> <p>14 -- strike. I got tongue-tied. Strike the</p> <p>15 question.</p> <p>16 Would a two-second warning before</p> <p>17 breaching the front door be compatible with the</p> <p>18 knock-and-announce rule as you understand that</p> <p>19 rule based on the training you have received?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>21 Officer...</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you</p> <p>23 are asking.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. So fair to say that you</p> <p>2 don't actually know what the specific policies and</p> <p>3 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department</p> <p>4 are with regards to the knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>6 Officer...</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: That's not -- that's</p> <p>8 not what I am saying.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Do you know what the</p> <p>11 specific policies and procedures of Philadelphia</p> <p>12 Police Department are with regards to the</p> <p>13 knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>15 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Basically, like I</p> <p>17 just got finished saying, if there's an</p> <p>18 occupant --</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Sir, sir, if you can just answer</p> <p>21 the question that I am asking you. The question I</p> <p>22 am asking you is not what those policies are.</p> <p>23 My question is do you personally</p> <p>24 know -- just a yes or no question. Do you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 Q. Sure. So you've received training</p> <p>2 from the Philadelphia Police Department about the</p> <p>3 knock-and-announce rule; correct?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>5 Officer...</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Training, what do you</p> <p>7 mean of like training as far as the</p> <p>8 knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. You know, yeah, I shouldn't</p> <p>11 assume facts that are not in evidence.</p> <p>12 How did you come to ever hear of</p> <p>13 the knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>14 A. Being in the SWAT unit.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. So did you ever receive any</p> <p>16 actual specific training from the Philadelphia</p> <p>17 Police Department where you were told what the</p> <p>18 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police</p> <p>19 Department are with regards to the</p> <p>20 knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 personally know what the policies and procedures</p> <p>2 are of the Philadelphia Police Department with</p> <p>3 regards to the knock-and-announce rule?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And same</p> <p>5 objection.</p> <p>6 Officer, you can answer if you can.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Sir, I'll represent to you</p> <p>10 that the building in which Ms. Alvarado's</p> <p>11 apartment was located had two doors.</p> <p>12 Do you have any personal knowledge</p> <p>13 as to why the door was breached -- that was</p> <p>14 breached that day as opposed to the other door on</p> <p>15 the property?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>17 Officer, you can answer if you can.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I cannot answer that.</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. And is there any particular</p> <p>21 reason you can't answer that?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>23 Officer...</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Because I was for</p>



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1 front containment.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. But as part of the briefing  
 4 given my Sergeant Melanie, did he give any  
 5 indication as to why one door was being breached  
 6 and not another door or anything along those  
 7 lines?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 Officer...  
 10 THE WITNESS: You would have to ask  
 11 Sergeant Melanie.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Okay. But you, sitting today, have  
 14 no specific recollection of him giving any sort of  
 15 guidance as part of the briefing; correct?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 17 Officer...  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Did Sergeant Melanie try to  
 21 give any sort of floor plan of the property to  
 22 advise the members of the SWAT unit where they  
 23 were supposed to go once they got inside the  
 24 building?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Floor plan, what do  
 4 you mean floor plan?  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Do you know what a floor plan is?  
 7 A. What is a floor plan? No.  
 8 Q. Okay. Have you ever seen anything  
 9 that looks like -- a little bit like a map that  
 10 shows where different rooms are located within a  
 11 building?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer...  
 14 THE WITNESS: No.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. You've never seen anything like  
 17 that in your life?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 Officer...  
 20 THE WITNESS: In my life, yes, I  
 21 have, but --  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. So that's a floor plan.  
 24 A. Right.

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1 Q. Did you see any sort of floor plan  
 2 with regards to the building that Ms. Alvarado  
 3 lived in before the door was breached?  
 4 A. No.  
 5 Q. Sir, I have a photograph here. I  
 6 think I only have one copy on hand. I'll get more  
 7 copies before the other deposition. You have your  
 8 copy, so --  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yeah.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Just to put this on the record real  
 12 quick, I'll represent to you, sir, this is a  
 13 photograph that has been used at, I think, every  
 14 prior deposition so far. It's printed from Google  
 15 Maps. It's dated Monday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.  
 16 MR. WEST: We are going to mark  
 17 this as Ashford-1.  
 18 - - -  
 19 (Whereupon, the document was  
 20 marked, for identification purposes, as  
 21 Exhibit Number Ashford-1.)  
 22 - - -  
 23 MR. WEST: Are you ready, Candace?  
 24 THE COURT REPORTER: Yup.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. All right, sir. So please take a  
 3 moment to look at that photograph and let me know  
 4 if you recognize what that is.  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. All right. What is it?  
 7 A. It's row homes.  
 8 Q. All right, sir. Do you -- do you  
 9 recognize any specific property in that picture?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Which one?  
 12 A. The target location.  
 13 (Witness indicating)  
 14 Q. Okay. When you say target  
 15 location, what do you mean by that?  
 16 A. I don't know the address on  
 17 Torresdale. What is -- what is the address number  
 18 on Torresdale?  
 19 Q. Do you mean, sir, that you  
 20 recognize the door that got breached the -- the  
 21 morning Ms. Alvarado's apartment was breached in  
 22 that picture?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 Officer...

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. Could you use the orange  
 4 highlighter to highlight the door that you believe  
 5 was breached? Thanks. I'm just going to leave  
 6 this here so it's not so awkward.  
 7 A. (Witness complies)  
 8 Q. Okay. Can I see it?  
 9 All right. That's the door that  
 10 got breached, right, sir, that you have circled as  
 11 -- with an orange circle?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Officer...  
 15 MR. WEST: Okay.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. And what was on the other side of  
 19 this door?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: I don't know because  
 23 I never went inside. I'm front  
 24 containment.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. So sitting here today, you don't  
 3 know what was on the other side of that door?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 5 Officer...  
 6 THE WITNESS: No.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. You -- sorry. Just to make sure,  
 9 you do know or do not know?  
 10 A. I do not know what was on the other  
 11 side of that door.  
 12 Q. All right, sir. I can represent to  
 13 you that that was Ms. Alvarado's apartment.  
 14 A. Okay.  
 15 Q. And you didn't know that before  
 16 now; is that correct?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 18 Officer...  
 19 THE WITNESS: No.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. It is correct or is not correct?  
 22 A. I did not know that.  
 23 Q. Okay. Did you get any instruction  
 24 from Sergeant Mellody, prior to the breaching

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1 action, as to what was on the other side of that  
 2 door?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 But Officer, you can answer if you  
 5 can.  
 6 THE WITNESS: No.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. Sir, I think you testified  
 9 earlier that the warrant was valid for the second  
 10 floor rear apartment; correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. If you look at the area that  
 16 you have circled with an orange, is there any  
 17 second floor there?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And object to  
 19 form.  
 20 But Officer, you can answer if you  
 21 can.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Second floor, yes.  
 23 (Witness indicating)  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Where the doors are located, is  
 2 there any second floor to the structure in which  
 3 the door leads directly?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I don't know that.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Do you see a second floor?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. So you see the --  
 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Someone to  
 12 observe from the City, Keith. Is it  
 13 okay?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Keith, you want to  
 15 go off the record? I have someone from  
 16 the City to come and observe.  
 17 MR. WEST: Oh, you do. Okay.  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yes, I do. This  
 19 is me. I'm sorry to interrupt.  
 20 MR. WEST: No, no. It's totally  
 21 fine. I just thought Tony was bringing  
 22 in friends.  
 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, no.  
 24 (Unintelligible) other day to do the

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1 same thing. We all have interns.  
 2 MR. WEST: No, no. It's totally  
 3 fine.  
 4 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: We're  
 5 going off the record at 9:48 a.m.  
 6 - - -  
 7 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
 8 off the video and stenographic record.)  
 9 - - -  
 10 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: We are on  
 11 the record at 9:49 a.m.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. All right, sir. So just to get  
 14 back where we left off, the area that you've  
 15 circled with an orange highlighter, all right, you  
 16 circled the front door; correct?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. And that front door leads into a  
 19 room; correct?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer...  
 22 THE WITNESS: It leads in front of  
 23 the building and it leads into the  
 24 property.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. You don't know where that  
 3 door leads then; correct?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 Officer...  
 6 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. But the -- the room or area  
 9 immediately behind that door, is that a one-floor  
 10 area or a two-floor area?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I  
 14 never went inside.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. But you -- you can't tell, just  
 17 looking at that picture, whether or not there's  
 18 one floor or two floors there?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 20 Officer...  
 21 THE WITNESS: There's two floors.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. So your testimony, even seeing the  
 24 picture, is that the room behind that door has two

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1 floors?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 3 Officer...  
 4 THE WITNESS: Seeing that picture,  
 5 I can see that it's a second floor.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. What?  
 8 A. Looking at this picture, there is a  
 9 second floor.  
 10 Q. Okay. But does that door lead  
 11 directly to the second floor, yes or no?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer...  
 14 THE WITNESS: I never went inside.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Based on what you can see in the  
 17 picture, can you tell that that door leads to a  
 18 room that is only one floor?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I can't say that.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. That's fine.  
 23 Can I have that back?  
 24 A. Sure.

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1 Q. And your inability to tell whether  
 2 or not this is a one or two-floor structure is  
 3 consistent with the training that you've received  
 4 as a member of the Philadelphia SWAT unit for all  
 5 of the other times that you've done  
 6 reconnaissance?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer...  
 9 THE WITNESS: I did not say that.  
 10 That is a two -- second floor, so it is  
 11 a two-story.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Sir, my question is as you look at  
 14 this picture and try to figure out whether or not  
 15 this door leads to the second floor, you're using  
 16 whatever training that you've received as a member  
 17 of the Philadelphia SWAT unit in conducting  
 18 reconnaissance; correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer...  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. And if someone who had  
 24 received basic training in this area would be able

1 to tell that there's no second floor here, that  
2 would be training that you had not received as a  
3 member of the Philadelphia SWAT unit; correct?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: Well, they would --  
7 they would see there is a second floor  
8 there. You can see it yourself.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. All right, sir. Have you ever  
11 received any training from the Philadelphia Police  
12 Department with regards to how to conduct  
13 reconnaissance specifically at multi-residence  
14 properties?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
16 Officer, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: What's the question?

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Sir, did you ever receive any  
20 training with regards to reconnaissance at all?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
22 Officer...

23 THE WITNESS: I told you that in  
24 the beginning.

1 Officer, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. But if you have a warrant  
5 for an apartment, are you allowed to enter any  
6 portion of the building in which that apartment is  
7 located in order to execute the warrant?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
9 Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. And that's based on your  
13 understanding of the law that you received as  
14 someone who does reconnaissance for the SWAT unit;  
15 correct?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
17 Officer, you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. Besides what we discussed  
21 today, did you ever receive any training from the  
22 Philadelphia Police as to any other steps you  
23 could take in the reconnaissance process to  
24 determine where different apartments were located

1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. So what was your answer?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Okay. So did you ever receive any  
7 training as to how to conduct reconnaissance  
8 specifically at multi-residence properties?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

10 THE WITNESS: It's the same that  
11 you would do with one property.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. So if you had a search  
14 warrant that was valid for an entire house, you  
15 could enter any portion of that house to execute  
16 that warrant; correct?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: What do you mean?

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Sir, if you have a warrant that's  
22 for a house, are you allowed to enter any portion  
23 of that house in order to execute the warrant?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

1 within a multi-residence structure?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 Officer, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: No.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. So for example, you never received  
7 any training that if you're not sure how to get to  
8 the apartment, you could contact the property  
9 owner or property manager?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
11 Officer, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Not me. Well, you  
13 probably can do that, but I've never  
14 done it.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. And you never received any training  
17 from the Philadelphia Police Department that  
18 that's something you should do as part of  
19 reconnaissance; correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
21 Officer, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm guessing you may  
23 have that option.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Sir, my question is training that  
2 you specifically received as someone who goes out  
3 and does reconnaissance as part of the SWAT unit,  
4 that's nothing that you specifically learned in  
5 training; correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
7 Officer...

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. All right. And you never received  
11 any training that you could go get floor plans or  
12 blueprints of property prior to executing a  
13 warrant; correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: No.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. You never learned any of the  
19 other many surveillance techniques available to  
20 ascertain the locations of various apartments  
21 within a building; correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: No.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. That is correct or is not correct?

3 A. No.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. When you say no, are you saying I  
7 am correct or I'm not correct?

8 A. I --

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
10 Officer...

11 THE WITNESS: I have not received  
12 any training.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. Sir, as I rep -- I -- I know  
15 you said you didn't know this, but as I  
16 represented to you before, this building has a  
17 front door and a rear door.

18 Do you have any idea why the front  
19 door was breached to gain access to the rear  
20 apartment --

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

22 MR. WEST: -- and not the rear  
23 door?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 THE WITNESS: Because that is the  
2 front -- the front of the property.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. But as you have  
5 acknowledged, you knew that the warrant was valid  
6 for the rear apartment; correct?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Officer...

9 THE WITNESS: Second floor rear.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Right. And there is no second  
12 floor here; correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
14 Officer...

15 THE WITNESS: That's the front of  
16 the property.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. So if you -- if you are  
19 trying to gain access to the second floor rear  
20 apartment, why choose this door as opposed to the  
21 rear door?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer...

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. To your knowledge. I'm not asking  
2 you to guess.

3 Do you have any idea why they  
4 thought they could get there through this door as  
5 opposed to the rear door on the cul-de-sac in the  
6 back?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Because of my years  
10 of experience serving warrants, most of  
11 the time you go through the front door  
12 and you have access to the second floor  
13 through the front door.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. But what about the rear  
16 door? Is -- is there any reason to think you  
17 couldn't get to the second floor rear apartment  
18 through the rear door?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
20 Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I  
22 wasn't in the rear.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. And as of today, you do have

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1 knowledge that the only entrance to that apartment  
 2 was through the rear door; correct?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer...  
 5 THE WITNESS: I just found out. I  
 6 mean, I didn't know about the rear door.  
 7 Like I said, I was in front containment.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. As part of the  
 10 reconnaissance before you execute a warrant at  
 11 someone's house, shouldn't you figure out what  
 12 door leads to their house or their apartment?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Officer, you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. That's not important?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I mean, it is  
 21 important because you want to, you know,  
 22 you want to go at the -- the right  
 23 location.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. So why shouldn't you figure that  
 2 out before you bust down their door and kill their  
 3 dog?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 THE WITNESS: I mean, that was the  
 6 front door thinking it would lead to the  
 7 second floor apartment.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. But if you go to a  
 10 multi-resident structure and it has multiple  
 11 doors, before you start breaking down the doors,  
 12 shouldn't you figure out which door leads to the  
 13 proper apartment?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. And if you don't know which  
 19 door leads to the -- the apartment for which you  
 20 have a warrant, should you wait until you learn  
 21 that or should you just kick down the door?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Wait until you learn

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1 that? I don't understand the question.  
 2 Like what do you mean wait?  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. If there is a door to a  
 5 multi-residence property and you have a warrant  
 6 for only one apartment therein and you do not know  
 7 where that door leads, should you breach that door  
 8 or should you do more reconnaissance until you  
 9 figure out what the door actually leads to?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 Officer, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: You should -- you  
 13 should get intel or information on what  
 14 property and what door you should hit.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. So the fact that Ms.  
 17 Alvarado's front door was breached means that a  
 18 mistake was made; correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer...  
 21 THE WITNESS: I cannot answer that.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. Based on the training you've  
 24 received as far as the policies and procedures of

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1 the Philadelphia Police Department, is it okay to  
 2 bust down the front door of an Apartment Number 1  
 3 in a multi-residence property where the warrant is  
 4 valid only for the second floor rear apartment?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Officer, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Like I said, in my  
 8 years of experience the front door  
 9 normally leads up to the second floor  
 10 apartment.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. Now, if the first floor  
 13 apartment is right behind that door, but you can  
 14 walk across that apartment and it will eventually  
 15 lead you to a staircase up to the second floor,  
 16 are you allowed to -- to breach that door in order  
 17 to execute the warrant on the second floor  
 18 apartment?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: I would say yes, but  
 22 you wouldn't know that until you go to  
 23 the front door where there are two  
 24 mailbox at that location and you would,



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1 you know, assume that that is -- leads  
 2 up to the second floor.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Right. But it's okay to go through  
 5 the Apartment Number 1 to get to some other  
 6 apartment; correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: I'm not saying that  
 10 it's okay, but most front doors will  
 11 lead to the second floor.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Sir, I -- please answer the  
 14 question I'm asking you.  
 15 Are you allowed to enter the first  
 16 floor apartment at all if you only have a warrant  
 17 for the second floor rear apartment?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Like I said, the  
 20 front door was breached --  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Sir, please answer the question I'm  
 23 actually asking you.  
 24 The question I'm asking you if you

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1 have a warrant for the second floor rear  
 2 apartment, are you allowed to enter even one foot  
 3 in the first floor apartment?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 And Officer, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I would say yes  
 7 because the front door may lead to the  
 8 second floor. That's the front door to  
 9 the whole building.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. All right. And your understanding  
 12 is based on what you've learned from the training  
 13 you've received from the Philadelphia Police  
 14 Department; correct?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 And Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Did you ever receive any training  
 20 on how to deal with dogs at residences when  
 21 executing a warrant?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that

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1 question?  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. So if you are executing a  
 4 warrant at a residence, do those residences  
 5 sometimes have dogs?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: You mean like any  
 9 residence? I mean, yes. I mean --  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. You're aware that -- of the fact  
 12 that sometimes people have dogs in their houses;  
 13 correct?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Okay. Now, did you ever receive  
 16 any training from the Philadelphia Police  
 17 Department as far as how to handle an encounter  
 18 with a dog at a residence while executing a  
 19 warrant?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: If a dog is  
 23 aggressive --  
 24 MR. WEST: Sir --

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Please let him --  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Please answer the question I'm  
 4 asking you. I'm not asking you what you should do  
 5 or what you think you should do.  
 6 Just a basic question, have you  
 7 received specific training from the Philadelphia  
 8 Police Department as far as how to handle a dog  
 9 encounter while executing a warrant?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 Officer, please answer your  
 12 question.  
 13 And please let him finish the  
 14 answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I would say no.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. Have you ever been trained  
 18 on what sorts of tools you should bring with you  
 19 if you are going to breach a residence where you  
 20 believe a dog is located in order to handle the  
 21 encounter with a dog in a non-lethal manner?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer...  
 24 THE WITNESS: I mean, why should we

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1 bring tools on -- to handle a dog  
 2 whereas far as we're going to serve a  
 3 warrant for someone that's, you know,  
 4 wanted for homicide.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Right. So you've -- you've never  
 7 actually received any training from the  
 8 Philadelphia Police Department as far as what  
 9 non-lethal tools you're supposed to bring with you  
 10 when entering a residence where you know there's a  
 11 dog; correct?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer...  
 14 THE WITNESS: OC or pepper spray.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any  
 17 specific training from the Philadelphia Police  
 18 Department that told you to bring pepper spray  
 19 with you when entering a residence if you know  
 20 there's a dog there?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: I'm guessing that --  
 24 I mean, it's your choice to bring pepper

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1 spray, but you don't know if there's a  
 2 dog in there.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. All right. Sir, please answer the  
 5 question I'm asking you.  
 6 The question is have you ever  
 7 received any specific training from the  
 8 Philadelphia Police Department that told you what  
 9 tools you should bring with you when entering a  
 10 residence where you know there's a dog in order to  
 11 avoid a fatal encounter, yes or no?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer...  
 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. You received that specific  
 17 training?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. When and where?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: On-the-job training.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. When and where?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Being a Philadelphia  
 4 police officer.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. When did you receive this  
 7 training?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 9 Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. And who gave you this  
 13 training?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. And what specific tools were  
 18 you instructed that you should bring with you when  
 19 entering a residence where you think there's a dog  
 20 in order to avoid a fatal encounter with a dog?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Pepper spray, a  
 24 baton, a baton.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. A baton?  
 3 A. Or yeah, baton. And that's the  
 4 only thing I can -- I can think of.  
 5 Q. Okay. You can't recall anything  
 6 else at this time; correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer...  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Sir, is it therefore correct that,  
 12 based on the training that you received, if you or  
 13 another member of the SWAT team were about to  
 14 breach a private residence where you believe there  
 15 was a dog inside, you should have pepper spray and  
 16 a baton ready to use in order to avoid a fatal  
 17 encounter with a dog?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I'm not saying that.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. What are you saying?  
 23 A. I'm not saying that -- that you  
 24 bring a baton round or pepper spray with you.

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1 You're asking me if that's what we have as far as  
 2 being a police officer, one of the things that we  
 3 can use for dogs.  
 4 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any  
 5 specific training from the Philadelphia Police  
 6 Department as far as what tools you're supposed to  
 7 use, if any, if you are going to encounter a dog  
 8 on a -- in a residence while executing a warrant  
 9 in order to avoid a fatal encounter with a dog?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form;  
 11 particularly it's asked and answered.  
 12 THE WITNESS: You would not know  
 13 until you go inside the property.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. So you never received any  
 16 training that -- that you should have certain  
 17 tools that you should have at-hand in order to be  
 18 prepared for this situation; correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. That is correct or not correct?  
 23 A. I have not received training.  
 24 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal

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1 knowledge as far as what the policies and  
 2 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department  
 3 are as far as the list of tools that you're  
 4 supposed to have ready before encountering a dog?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form;  
 6 particularly asked and answered several  
 7 times.  
 8 THE WITNESS: I do not know.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. Were you wearing a body cam  
 11 on the date of this encounter?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. Was any member of the operation  
 14 wearing a body cam?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: No.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. It's my understanding that, even  
 20 today, members of the SWAT unit are not wearing  
 21 body cams; is that correct?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Officer...  
 24 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. All right. And I think you're  
 3 probably aware of the fact that most of the  
 4 Philadelphia police officers began wearing body  
 5 cams years ago.  
 6 Do you know why members of the SWAT  
 7 unit continue not to wear body cams?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 9 Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: No.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge  
 13 as to why you're not assigned to wear a body cam?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 16 THE WITNESS: No.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. Have you ever, in any  
 19 capacity as a Philadelphia Police Department  
 20 member, worn a body cam?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 22 Officer...  
 23 THE WITNESS: No.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Have you ever received any training  
 2 from the Philadelphia Police Department as far as  
 3 how to review different types of structures in  
 4 order to make a plan on entering the structure  
 5 when executing a warrant?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form;  
 7 particularly as asked and answered  
 8 several times.  
 9 THE WITNESS: No.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Now, sir, what is the SWAT unit?  
 12 Like specifically what -- what is the functions of  
 13 the SWAT unit, to your knowledge?  
 14 A. Special weapons and tactics.  
 15 Q. How much time passed between Ms.  
 16 Alvarado's front door being breached and gunfire?  
 17 A. Repeat the question.  
 18 Q. How much time passed between her  
 19 front door being breached and you hearing gunfire?  
 20 A. I don't know. I wasn't inside.  
 21 Q. Okay. Sir, do you recall giving an  
 22 interview to the internal affairs department --  
 23 division?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 Officer...</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. So this page is Bates</p> <p>5 stamped as D000024. I'm just going to read from</p> <p>6 it. So you were -- this is Question Number 5 when</p> <p>7 you were interviewed by internal affairs.</p> <p>8 Can you provide me details of the</p> <p>9 incident? Answer, at approximately 5:50 a.m., we</p> <p>10 arrived at the above location to execute the</p> <p>11 arrest and search warrant.</p> <p>12 Let me stop there and ask you. Is</p> <p>13 that consistent with your memory today, that the</p> <p>14 warrant in question was enforced about 5:50 a.m.?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form</p> <p>16 officer, answer if you can.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. To continue from your</p> <p>20 answer, I was front containment along with Police</p> <p>21 Officer Scott and Police Officer Fitzpatrick.</p> <p>22 Once on location, I established front containment</p> <p>23 until the entry team made their approach. Once</p> <p>24 they made their approach, the breacher knocked and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 getting shot?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. So it was eight seconds or</p> <p>4 less?</p> <p>5 A. It was about eight seconds</p> <p>6 approximately.</p> <p>7 Q. All right.</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection, just</p> <p>9 for the record.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. And just to quote, your -- what you</p> <p>12 said here is less than eight seconds.</p> <p>13 Was that true?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>15 And Keith, I'm going to show the --</p> <p>16 I'm going to show -- unless you have a</p> <p>17 copy, paper copy, I can show him the</p> <p>18 actual statement.</p> <p>19 MR. WEST: Oh. That's fine. I can</p> <p>20 just hand it to him.</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Just so that he</p> <p>22 can see what you're talking about.</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. And just to -- I'm not going to go</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 announced. After the second knock-and-announce,</p> <p>2 the supervisor gave the command to breach the</p> <p>3 front of the property, door open. You could hear</p> <p>4 dogs in the property. Entry was made by SWAT</p> <p>5 officers. Less than eight seconds later, I heard</p> <p>6 one discharge.</p> <p>7 I'll stop reading there. Sir, did</p> <p>8 you give truthful testimony when you were</p> <p>9 interviewed by the internal affairs?</p> <p>10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>11 But Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. So when you testified that there</p> <p>15 was less than eight seconds that passed between</p> <p>16 entering into the property and you hearing</p> <p>17 gunfire, was that truthful testimony?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>19 But Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. Does this recollect your</p> <p>23 recollection as far as how much time passed</p> <p>24 between the door being breached and the dog</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 on this more, sir. I just designate -- it's the</p> <p>2 last line of text here.</p> <p>3 The words are less than eight</p> <p>4 seconds later; right?</p> <p>5 A. Less than eight seconds, than ten</p> <p>6 seconds.</p> <p>7 Q. So is -- is the phrase less than</p> <p>8 eight seconds on that page?</p> <p>9 A. It's about approximately eight --</p> <p>10 eight to ten seconds.</p> <p>11 Q. Sir, if you can just answer the</p> <p>12 question.</p> <p>13 Is the phrase less than eight</p> <p>14 seconds later on the -- on the page?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>16 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. If I can have the piece of</p> <p>20 paper back.</p> <p>21 A. (Witness complies)</p> <p>22 Q. Did you have any motivation to lie</p> <p>23 when you gave this internal affairs statement?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p>

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1 Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Did you have any motivation to lie  
 5 when you gave that statement to internal affairs?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. So there's no reason, when you gave  
 10 this statement, that you would have exaggerated  
 11 that it was a shorter time than it really was;  
 12 right?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 14 Officer...  
 15 THE WITNESS: No.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. Do you know why the dog was  
 18 killed?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: No.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Did you ever see Ms. Alvarado?  
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you ever speak with Ms.  
 2 Alvarado?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. After the dog was shot, what  
 5 happened after that, to your recollection?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: I continued to  
 9 maintain my position as front  
 10 containment.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. Do you recall at some point  
 13 the SWAT officers went to the rear door on the  
 14 cul-de-sac and then that's how they got to the  
 15 apartment second floor rear?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, because they  
 19 came out and they walked around. I  
 20 didn't know -- didn't understand why.  
 21 I'm just covering the front containment.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. Were you a part of going  
 24 over to the rear or did you stay in the front?

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1 A. I maintained my position as front  
 2 containment.  
 3 Q. Okay. At any point prior to Ms.  
 4 Alvarado's front door being breached, were there  
 5 any ex -- ex -- exigent circumstances at all  
 6 related to this operation of which you're aware?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer.  
 9 MR. WEST: Let me re -- re-ask the  
 10 question just because I stuttered.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Are you aware of any exigent  
 13 circumstances whatsoever related to this operation  
 14 prior to Ms. Alvarado's front door being breached?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: No.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. And then just as a  
 20 foundational question, member of the Philadelphia  
 21 Police Department, you have received training.  
 22 You know what the phrase exigent circumstances  
 23 means; correct?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 3 MR. WEST: Okay. All right, sir.  
 4 I think that's all the questions I have.  
 5 Thank you.  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'll just have a  
 7 very brief follow-up question for you.  
 8 - - -  
 9 EXAMINATION  
 10 - - -  
 11 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 12 Q. Officer, I'm just going to show you  
 13 again what's been marked as Ashford-1. This is  
 14 the picture.  
 15 Do you recall -- I believe you  
 16 identified it's the third door -- third building,  
 17 I'm sorry, from the right that was Ms. Alvarado's  
 18 building; is that correct, sir?  
 19 A. That's correct.  
 20 Q. Okay. Can you see what's written  
 21 on the front door from that picture, sir?  
 22 A. I can't really see it from here.  
 23 Q. Okay. Do you recall what was  
 24 written on the front door?

<div>1 A. Numbers. 2 Q. Do you recall which specific 3 numbers? 4 A. I don't know the exact address. 5 Q. Do you recall whether there was any 6 indication on the front door that it was the 7 entrance only to the first floor apartment? 8 A. No. 9 Q. Okay. 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's the only 11 question I have, Keith, unless you have 12 any follow-up. 13 MR. WEST: No. That's everything. 14 Thank you for your time, sir. 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, thank 16 you. 17 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: We are 18 going off the record at 10:18 a.m. 19 - - - 20 (Whereupon, the videotape 21 deposition concluded at 10:18 a.m.) 22 - - - 23 24</div>	<div>Page 89</div>
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14       BY MR. WEST:

15               Q.       All right, Ms. Shannon. My name is  
16       Keith West. I'm one of the attorneys for the  
17       plaintiff in this case, Ms. Alvarado. I'm going  
18       to mark as Shannon-1 -- this is a pile of  
19       documents that you brought with you today as part  
20       of your appearance for today's subpoenaed  
21       deposition; correct?

22               A.       Yes.

23                                - - -

24   (Whereupon, the document was

1                   marked, for identification purposes, as  
2                   Exhibit Number Shannon-1.)

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4       BY MR. WEST:

5               Q.       Okay. And let me just go through  
6       some quick kind of preemptory things.

7                   Have you ever been in a deposition  
8       before?

9               A.       Yes.

10              Q.       How many times have you been  
11       deposed?

12              A.       Once.

13              Q.       And can you tell me, just  
14       generally, what that case was about?

15              A.       A car accident.

16              Q.       Okay. So unrelated to your  
17       employment for the City of Philadelphia; correct?

18              A.       Yes.

19              Q.       And you are in fact an employee of  
20       the City of Philadelphia; right?

21              A.       Yes.

22                   MR. ASSINI: Well, just to clarify,  
23                   she is an employee of the First Judicial  
24                   District, which is not -- it's not the

1 same as the City of Philadelphia;  
2 however, it is -- it is the judicial  
3 branch of the City of Philadelphia.  
4 Like her -- it's separate, but the same,  
5 you know --

6 MR. WEST: Well, no. That's what I  
7 am trying to figure out because I  
8 actually don't know the answer to that.  
9 Like the police department is like an  
10 entity of the City. Is --

11 MR. ASSINI: More independent than  
12 that --

13 MR. WEST: That's what I'm trying  
14 --

15 MR. ASSINI: -- because we're the  
16 judicial branch, so that's --

17 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Right.

18 MR. WEST: Okay. I honestly didn't  
19 know the answer to that.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. I'm sorry. So you are an employee  
22 of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania;  
23 right?

24 A. Yes.



1 Q. Okay. But your prior deposition  
2 appearance was unrelated to that; right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How long have you worked as a  
5 parole officer?

6 A. Twenty-two years.

7 MR. WEST: Off the record.

8 - - -

9 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
10 off the stenographic record.)

11 - - -

12 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: I just want to  
13 state for the record that she is a  
14 probation officer, not a parole officer.

15 MR. ASSINI: Yes, probation.

16 Right.

17 MR. WEST: Okay.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Can you just tell me quickly what  
20 is the difference between probation and parole as  
21 far as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania goes?

22 MR. ASSINI: If you know.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to figure  
24 out how to answer that because we do

1 supervise people that's on parole as  
2 well.

3 So, I mean, parole is if a person  
4 that has been sentenced to a jail  
5 sentence and if the judge says like  
6 immediate parole, then they can serve  
7 their sentence out on the street.  
8 Probation is just if the judge sentences  
9 a person to a period of probation and we  
10 also supervise them on the street.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Right. Probation is a probationary  
13 release from prison. If the person doesn't meet  
14 the terms, they go back to prison; correct?

15 A. It depends on the judge and if it's  
16 like a technical violation or a direct violation.

17 Q. Okay. And you, in your capacity,  
18 you would supervise people who are released both  
19 under probation and under parole; correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What is your actual job title?

22 A. I'm an Armed Probation Officer II,  
23 so I carry a firearm.

24 Q. And how long have you had that

1 particular job title?

2 A. I've been doing the job for almost  
3 14 years, but technically didn't get classified  
4 until last July.

5 Q. The incident giving rise to this  
6 case occurred a little over two years ago. Do you  
7 know what your job title would have been back  
8 then?

9 A. Still a probation and parole  
10 officer and I was still armed, but I wasn't  
11 classified as that.

12 MR. ASSINI: Can I --

13 MR. WEST: Yes, please.

14 MR. ASSINI: So our probation  
15 officers are part of a union, and as  
16 part of the collective bargaining  
17 agreement that was most recent, part of  
18 that was creating a new classification  
19 for armed officers and giving them a  
20 different salary scale because it  
21 requires extra things to --

22 MR. WEST: Training.

23 MR. ASSINI: -- you know, be armed,  
24 training and certifications and renewal.

1                   So it didn't exist until it was  
2                   collectively bargained.

3       BY MR. WEST:

4               Q.       Okay. So have you always been an  
5       armed officer?

6               A.       No.

7               Q.       When did you first become an armed  
8       officer?

9               A.       I want to say 2011-ish. I can't  
10      remember the exact date.

11              Q.       But long before this incident;  
12      right?

13              A.       Yes.

14              Q.       So do you remember supervising  
15      someone who was on probation by the name of  
16                      ?

17              A.       Yes.

18              Q.       Can you just -- for brevity's sake,  
19      I'm going to try to ask you a very general  
20      question.

21                      Can you tell me everything you  
22      remember about your interactions with                      ?

23              A.       Just we had contact by phone. It  
24      was during the pandemic, so at that time no one

1 was coming into the office.

2 Q. Okay. What was on  
3 probation for?

4 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

5 But you can answer if you  
6 understand.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. I should have given you a few more  
9 instructions. You are only being -- all of my  
10 questions are just intended to ask what you  
11 personally know, so I am not going to ask you to  
12 guess or speculate at any time. If you are not in  
13 possession of complete understanding, but you can  
14 give us an estimate or an approximation, we would  
15 ask for you to let us know that you are giving us  
16 an estimate.

17 This isn't intended to be an  
18 unnecessarily uncomfortable -- it's hard to hear  
19 me with this, isn't it? This isn't intended to be  
20 an unnecessarily uncomfortable process, so if at  
21 any point you would like a break or anything, just  
22 let me know. If you have any trouble  
23 understanding any of the questions, please don't  
24 answer them. I'll be more than glad to speak

1 louder, slower, faster, rephrase questions if at  
2 all possible, anything like that. Okay?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. With that said, do you know why  
5 was on probation, if he was?

6 A. I believe it was for firearm  
7 charges, but I didn't write it down, so I can't  
8 remember offhand.

9 Q. And how long did you supervise him?

10 A. His case was transferred to me --  
11 his case was transferred to me on 7/24/2020.

12 Q. And before that date in July of  
13 2020, was already under some form of  
14 supervision?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And are you able to remember or  
17 just by reviewing your notes able to determine  
18 when first went under -- on  
19 supervision?

20 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

21 But you can answer if you  
22 understand the question.

23 THE WITNESS: I believe it was  
24 April 9, 2019.



1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. So well before the COVID pandemic;  
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And who would have been his  
6 probation supervisor back then?

7 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

8 You can answer.

9 MR. WEST: If you know.

10 THE WITNESS: His supervisor or  
11 officer?

12 MR. ASSINI: So I objected to form,  
13 but you can -- if you want to clarify  
14 that or ask -- go ahead.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. And if I am misstating things --  
17 I'm very fortunate that, either as a civilian or a  
18 lawyer, I have had almost no interaction with this  
19 system, so I'm going to be misstating terms.

20 So if officer is the right --  
21 probation officer --

22 MR. ASSINI: Can we go off the  
23 record?

24 MR. WEST: Yes.

1 - - -

2 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
3 off the stenographic record.)

4 - - -

5 MR. WEST: Let me ask the question  
6 more generally.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Do you know the name and title of  
9 the person who would have been supervising  
10 back when his case initiated in 2019?

11           A.       Michael Anderson.

12 Q. Okay.

13           A.       And he was under monitored  
14 supervision, which is house arrest.

15 Q. Okay. House arrest.

16 And that date was, again, what in  
17 2019?

18 MR. ASSINI: I think you said  
19 April.

20 THE WITNESS: It says April 26,  
21 2019 that they received notification of  
22 house arrest.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. What is Michael Anderson's job

1 title? At least what would it have been at that  
2 time?

3 A. A probation parole officer.

4 Q. So generally the same as yourself?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. In your experience, especially in  
7 the pre-COVID days back in 2019, if someone was  
8 placed on house arrest, would the probation  
9 officer normally inspect the home?

10 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

11 You can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes. They actually  
13 go out and, I guess, investigate the  
14 house and see if the person is eligible  
15 to be on house arrest and see if the  
16 equipment can fit in the house and, I  
17 guess, the range.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Okay. And don't you guys normally  
20 inspect the house as well to see who the person is  
21 living with because there's usually restrictions  
22 limiting who people placed on probation are  
23 allowed to live with?

24 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

1                   You can answer.

2                   THE WITNESS: Am I speaking for  
3                   house arrest or speaking for what I do  
4                   in my unit?

5 BY MR. WEST:

6               Q.       I guess house arrest.

7                   But to ask a different question  
8 then, do you never handle people with house  
9 arrest?

10           A.       I usually get people once they  
11 complete house arrest and transfer them to our  
12 unit.

13           Q.       Okay. But are you still familiar  
14 with what the procedures for house arrest are?

15           A.       Not a hundred percent.

16           Q.       Okay. Is it your general  
17 understanding that in order for someone to be  
18 placed on house arrest, a probation officer needs  
19 to go to the house in question and inspect it?

20           A.       Yes.

21           Q.       And are you able -- thank you for  
22 bringing these records with you. I'm only getting  
23 a chance to quickly scan them for the first time  
24 now.

1                   Are you able to look on these and  
2   actually find if it's recorded anywhere that  
3   someone actually did physically go to the house  
4   where                   was living?

5           A.       Give me a second.

6           Q.       While you are looking for that, can  
7   I quickly ask you another question? I can see on  
8   the notation for April 29, 2019 that an NCIC check  
9   was performed.

10                   Do you know what NCIC would stand  
11   for in this case?

12           A.       It's like a GNET search. You have  
13   access to a federal database that you can look up  
14   offenders' information as far as their criminal  
15   history.

16           Q.       Okay.

17           A.       Only thing that I could see in the  
18   notes was that --

19           Q.       Yes, actually --

20           A.       -- on 4/25/2019 that a field team  
21   went out.

22           Q.       Yes. So if we go to April -- I'm  
23   sorry. I'm asking this question a little bit  
24   inappropriately, but I'm trying not to take up

1 extra of your time.

2 It specifically says right on here  
3 April 26, 2019 and somebody went to the house, and  
4 the location is specifically specified as a second  
5 floor apartment with the rear entrance off  
6 Margaret Street; right?

7 A. Yes. But it stated that they went  
8 out on 4/25/2019.

9 Q. Right. So these records indicate  
10 that somebody went out there and they knew at that  
11 time that the entrance to the property was through  
12 the rear door; correct?

13 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

14 MR. WEST: Well, actually, strike  
15 the question. It's a little bit of an  
16 inappropriate question.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. And you didn't write these records;  
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. So looking at the notation on 4/26,  
22 it looks like the author's name is MatteoJ.

23 Do you think that's the person who  
24 would have done the actual physical inspection of



1 the home or do you think, from these records, it  
2 would have been someone else?

3 MR. ASSINI: If you know.

4 THE WITNESS: Basically -- her name  
5 is Jaclyn Matteo. I think she gets the  
6 order and then she connects everybody to  
7 process and send people out. I don't  
8 know if she physically goes out, but I  
9 know she is like the handler of the  
10 house arrest applications that come  
11 through or the orders. She verifies it  
12 and then sends the team out to verify  
13 the address. Then once they come back,  
14 they will assign it to the officer who  
15 is going to be supervising the house  
16 arrest.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. All right. If we wanted to ask the  
19 person most likely to have more information about  
20 how this inspection occurred back in April of  
21 2019, do you think Jaclyn Matteo would be probably  
22 our best bet as far as to ask more questions?

23 MR. ASSINI: If you know.

24 Objection to form.

1                   THE WITNESS: I would say yes. And  
2                   she probably could tell you who the  
3                   officer's name and stuff were when they  
4                   went out at that time.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6                   Q.           Okay. And is she still, as far as  
7                   you are aware, currently employed with the First  
8                   Judicial District?

9                   A.           Yes.

10                  Q.           Did you ever personally go to the  
11                  home in which                   was allegedly staying?

12                  A.           No.

13                  Q.           Did you ever speak with anyone from  
14                  the Philadelphia Police Department about executing  
15                  a warrant at                   's home?

16                  A.           I spoke with a homicide detective.

17                  Q.           Is that Detective Graf?

18                  A.           Yes.

19                               MR. WEST: And Graf is spelled  
20                               G-R-A-F.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22                  Q.           Did you speak with anyone else from  
23                  the Philadelphia Police Department regarding this  
24                  or only Detective Graf?

1           A.           Only Detective Graf.

2           Q.           Can you -- today, can you remember  
3   that conversation with Detective Graf?

4           A.           Yes.

5           Q.           Okay. So please tell me everything  
6   you can remember about that conversation.

7           A.           Do you want me to read the note or  
8   just like summarize?

9           Q.           Well, that's what I am trying to  
10   distinguish. I am trying to distinguish between  
11   if you are just reading a note that, you know, is  
12   something that you know is written down or  
13   actually what you can remember independent from  
14   the notes.

15                    So right now I'm asking you -- if  
16   you wouldn't mind even kind of just setting the  
17   paper aside for a moment and just let me know what  
18   you can remember from your independent  
19   recollection, if anything.

20           A.           I just remember him calling me and  
21   stating how dangerous Mr.        was and that he was  
22   wanted for murder and they were looking at him  
23   because he's been kind of terrorizing the  
24   neighborhood or the surrounding neighborhood that

1 he lived in. And then, at the time, they said  
2 they were going to execute a warrant at the house  
3 and they asked me have I been out.

4 And I said, no, because of the  
5 pandemic we are not allowed to do any home visits.

6 So then he said, can you verify or  
7 just tell me if the address I have is correct or  
8 do you have any alternative addresses?

9 So at that time, I asked my  
10 supervisor -- because more recently we are not  
11 allowed to speak to certain people about releasing  
12 information. So my supervisor said it was okay to  
13 talk with him, and the address that he said was  
14 the same address that we had, that was in our  
15 notes. So I told him that was the same address,  
16 but I haven't personally been out to verify  
17 through a field visit like we would normally do.  
18 So they said they would just let me know if they  
19 pick him up.

20 Q. Did Detective Graf -- strike the  
21 question.

22 Just to lay a foundation, I can  
23 represent to you that the warrant in this case  
24 does specify that was on the second

1 floor rear apartment. With that foundation, did  
2 Detective Graf ask you any questions about how to  
3 physically get access to that particular apartment  
4 number?

5 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
6 form.

7 MR. ASSINI: You can answer to the  
8 extent you can.

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Did detective Graf ask you if you  
12 had access to any records that would have provided  
13 any sort of guidance as to how to physically  
14 access the apartment in which was  
15 believed to occupy?

16 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

17 But you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Did Detective Graf ask to see these  
21 records that you have provided to us today?

22 A. No.

23 Q. If Detective Graf had asked to see  
24 these records, would you have provided him a copy?

1           A.           I would have had --

2                       MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Object to  
3                       form.

4                       MR. ASSINI: Go ahead. You can  
5                       answer.

6                       THE WITNESS: I would have had to  
7                       get permission from our department and  
8                       then if they said yes, then I could give  
9                       it to him, but if not, then no.

10       BY MR. WEST:

11           Q.           Can you think of any reason why the  
12       First Judicial District would be unwilling to  
13       cooperate on an issue like this with the  
14       Philadelphia Police Department?

15                       MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

16                       MR. WEST: In your personal  
17                       experience.

18                       THE WITNESS: We're just restricted  
19                       on a lot of stuff, so right now, it's  
20                       just you have to ask permission and if  
21                       they say yes, you go with it, if they  
22                       say no, then you don't.

23       BY MR. WEST:

24           Q.           Do you have any personal knowledge



1 or understanding of why information would be  
2 restricted as to what's provided to the  
3 Philadelphia Police Department out trying to catch  
4 a murder suspect?

5 MR. ASSINI: You can answer to the  
6 extent you know. I mean --

7 THE WITNESS: No. We just follow  
8 orders. That's all I can say.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. But in any case, if Detective Graf  
11 had asked the question as to if an inspection had  
12 been made of the address where was  
13 believed to reside, you could have looked at your  
14 records and answered the question in the  
15 affirmative; correct?

16 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

17 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
18 form.

19 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the  
20 question?

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Yes. If Detective Graf had asked  
23 the question whether your records indicated that  
24 an inspection had been made of the home where

1                   was believed to reside, you could have  
2   answered that in the affirmative; correct?

3                   MR. ASSINI: Same objection to the  
4   form.

5                   But go ahead. You can answer.

6                   THE WITNESS: I could have just  
7   told him it was confirmed while he was  
8   on house arrest, but I couldn't tell him  
9   or confirm it at that time.

10   BY MR. WEST:

11                  Q.       Right. And you could have told him  
12   what's indicated in these records, that the  
13   entrance to the property was through the rear;  
14   correct?

15                  MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

16                  MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
17   the form.

18                  THE WITNESS: I guess, yes.

19   BY MR. WEST:

20                  Q.       And also, you know, our deposition  
21   here has only been a few minutes. In the same  
22   amount of time or less, you also could have told  
23   him that if he wanted more information, he could  
24   reach out to Jaclyn Matteo; correct?

1 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: I guess, yes.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. And I apologize. I'm going to ask  
5 the question differently just because that  
6 probably is objectionable.

7 If Detective Graf had asked you if  
8 there was anyone in your office who had more  
9 information about the home inspection, you could  
10 have encouraged Detective Graf to get in touch  
11 with Jaclyn Matteo; correct?

12 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
13 the form.

14 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

15 But go ahead.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes or, I guess, his  
17 officer at the time, supervisor, Michael  
18 Anderson.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. And the only reason that you  
21 didn't provide this information to Detective Graf  
22 is because he didn't ask the question; correct?

23 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
24 form.

1 THE WITNESS: I guess. I don't  
2 remember.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Is there any other reason why you  
5 wouldn't -- strike the question.

6 Did you want to cooperate with  
7 Detective Graf to give him any information that  
8 might help him to capture this murder suspect?

9 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
10 form.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. And would you have provided  
14 Detective Graf with any question that he -- with  
15 any -- strike the question.

16 Would you have willingly provided  
17 Detective Graf with any information available to  
18 you that would have assisted in the Philadelphia  
19 Police Department executing this warrant in a way  
20 that was likely to lead to the capture of  
21 without infringing on the constitutional  
22 rights of others?

23 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
24 form.

1 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

2 You can try to answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Oh. Yes.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. And when Detective Graf called you,  
6 you were cooperative and willing to provide any  
7 information available to you?

8 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

9 You can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah, as long as it  
11 was in the rights that my supervisor was  
12 okay with it, yes.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. And probably the last  
15 question, all of the information that you have  
16 provided us today, this printout from your  
17 records, this would have been available to you  
18 back a couple of years ago as well; correct?

19 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

20 But go ahead.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, but sometimes  
22 house arrest notes aren't imported to  
23 us, so we might not have been able to  
24 see it. But usually if it's just a

1                   regular officer transferring paperwork,  
2                   we would be able to see all of the  
3                   notes.

4   BY MR. WEST:

5                   Q.         All right. And the records  
6                   indicating the home inspection, that would have  
7                   been available to you back at the time you spoke  
8                   to Detective Graf; correct?

9                   MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
10                  form.

11                  THE WITNESS: It was available, but  
12                  not always -- it's not always  
13                  accessible. Like usually house arrest  
14                  notes are separate from the notes that  
15                  we see.

16   BY MR. WEST:

17                  Q.         Is that something that you could --  
18                  if Detective Graf had asked you to find if the  
19                  home had ever been inspected, could you have  
20                  provided him an accurate answer to that question  
21                  even back at the time Detective Graf spoke with  
22                  you?

23                  MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

24                  But go ahead.



1                   THE WITNESS: Based on the notes, I  
2                   could have. But if I didn't have access  
3                   to the notes, then I would have to go to  
4                   house arrest directly and ask for access  
5                   to the notes.

6       BY MR. WEST:

7               Q.       And is that something you would  
8               have been willing to do if Detective Graf had  
9               asked you to do it?

10              A.       If I was able to get permission to  
11              do so, yes.

12              Q.       Do you have any reason to believe  
13              your supervisor wouldn't have allowed you to do  
14              that?

15                   MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
16                   the form.

17                   MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

18                   THE WITNESS: I guess it depends on  
19                   what the director says to him. A lot of  
20                   things we have to get permission to do,  
21                   so it depends on that.

22       BY MR. WEST:

23              Q.       Okay. And you also could have  
24              encouraged Detective Graf to speak with your

1 supervisor directly; correct?

2 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
3 the form.

4 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. But none of that happened because  
8 Detective Graf didn't ask the question; correct?

9 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
10 form.

11 THE WITNESS: Right.

12 MR. WEST: I have nothing further  
13 for you today. I hope you do have a  
14 wonderful Friday. I hope that they are  
15 going to let you have the whole day off.

16 THE WITNESS: That would be nice.

17 MR. ASSINI: That's not my call.

18 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Do you have  
19 anything to follow up?

20 MR. ASSINI: Well, no. Go ahead.

21 - - -

22 EXAMINATION

23 - - -

24 BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

1           Q.       Ms. Shannon, these documents that  
2   you provided today were not provided to Mr. Graf  
3   when you spoke to him related to the conversation  
4   that you had with him on, it looks like, June 2,  
5   2021, is that right, these documents themselves?

6           A.       Yes.

7           Q.       Okay. You would have needed to get  
8   permission from a supervisor to give him any of  
9   the information contained in these records; right?

10          A.       Yes.

11          Q.       In fact, you did get permission  
12   even just to confirm the address that Mr. Graf  
13   provided to you; right?

14          A.       Yes.

15          Q.       And similarly to how you needed to  
16   get permission to just provide confirmation of the  
17   address, you would have needed to get permission  
18   to provide any other information in these  
19   documents; correct?

20                   MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.

21                   THE WITNESS: Yes.

22   BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

23          Q.       And you don't know because you are  
24   unaware as of today what the parameters are for

1 giving information and not --

2 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

3 Sorry.

4 BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

5 Q. -- what -- whether your supervisor  
6 would have allowed you to provide this information  
7 or not; correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And then I just want to go to the  
10 June 2, 2021 note itself.

11 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Is that  
12 Shannon-1?

13 MR. WEST: Yes.

14 BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

15 Q. On the exhibit marked Shannon-1,  
16 where it says 12:30, phone, Homicide Detective  
17 Fran Graf -- do you agree that it says that there?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And can you read through that note  
20 where it says -- maybe in the middle of the  
21 paragraph it says he wanted to know if we verified  
22 -- do you see where I am reading?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. WEST: What's the page number?

1 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Page --

2 THE WITNESS: 2 of 21.

3 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: -- 2 of 21.

4 Thank you.

5 BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

6 Q. Where it says he wanted to know if  
7 we verified his address or had any alternative  
8 addresses to one they had on file which is the  
9 address we had, do you agree that that's what it  
10 said?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that's what you were referring  
13 to with you had to get confirmation from your  
14 supervisor to confirm that -- verify that that was  
15 the address; correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And then later on it says PO told  
18 him we only had contact with PP by phone.

19 Do you agree that that's what it  
20 said?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that's what you were referring  
23 to earlier when you said you didn't actually go  
24 out to the home, you only were supervising him by

1 phone; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And where it says we could not  
4 confirm his address by a field visit, do you agree  
5 that that's what it says?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that's because you hadn't gone  
8 out and confirmed it via field visit?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Were you asked whether you could  
11 have confirmed the address of Mr. by  
12 field visit?

13 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
14 You can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: He asked me have you  
16 been out to the house and I said no.

17 BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

18 Q. When you write a note like we could  
19 not confirm his address by field visit, in your  
20 experience, in your personal experience, is that  
21 because you are being asked whether -- strike  
22 that.

23 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: I have nothing  
24 further.



1                   MR. WEST: Just real quick  
2                   follow-up.

3                                 -   -   -

4                                 EXAMINATION

5                                 -   -   -

6       BY MR. WEST:

7               Q.           Did Detective Graf request any  
8       information from you that you told him, for any  
9       reason, you couldn't give him?

10                   MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
11                   form.

12                   MR. WEST: I can rephrase the  
13                   question.

14       BY MR. WEST:

15               Q.           Is there any question that  
16       Detective Graf asked you that you replied by  
17       telling him that you couldn't give him the  
18       information for any reason?

19                   MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
20                   form.

21                   THE WITNESS: No.

22       BY MR. WEST:

23               Q.           Okay. So any question that  
24       Detective Graf actually asked you, you gave him an

1 accurate answer to the best of your ability;  
2 correct?

3 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Objection to  
4 form.

5 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
6 Go ahead.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 MR. WEST: Okay. No further  
9 questions.

10 MR. ASSINI: I have nothing.

11 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: Just give me  
12 one second.

13 MR. WEST: While you look that up,  
14 I have one last.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. This says ISTPD, what's that stand  
17 for?

18 MR. ASSINI: Do you know where we  
19 are looking?

20 MR. WEST: Yes, just the first  
21 line.

22 THE WITNESS: Say that question  
23 again.

24 BY MR. WEST:

1           Q.           ISTPD. So the first entry on here,  
2   it says this Sequence 3 automated appointment has  
3   been scheduled by ISTPD.

4                   Do you know what ISTPD stands for  
5   on Page 1?

6           A.           Oh. That's -- so back when it was  
7   a pandemic, we only had contact with people by  
8   phone. And then after a certain amount of time,  
9   they automatically scheduled people to come in on  
10   certain dates, and so they were allowed -- the  
11   people were allowed or the probationers were  
12   allowed to come back into the building on that  
13   date and time.

14                   So the ISTPD is the author of the  
15   note. So they imported the notes into our system  
16   to notify us when we can tell people to start  
17   reporting in person.

18           Q.           Okay.

19                   MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: You good?

20                   MR. WEST: Yes.

21                           - - -

22                           EXAMINATION

23                           - - -

24   BY MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN:

1           Q.       So Ms. Shannon, you willingly gave  
2   information to Officer Graf when he called you;  
3   correct?

4           A.       Yes.

5           Q.       But you did that after you got  
6   permission from your supervisor; correct?

7           A.       Yes.

8           Q.       And then where -- we are looking  
9   back at the same Page 2 of 21 where it says --  
10   right above the 12:30 p.m. note, there's a 1:00  
11   p.m. note. It says PO left a voicemail stating  
12   she is looking for PP to call her back at  
13   215-683-1097.

14                   Do you agree that it says that?

15          A.       Yes.

16          Q.       As you sit here today, do you  
17   recall why you were calling, what information you  
18   were trying to gather?

19          A.       I was just trying to get in contact  
20   with him to report. At the time, I haven't had a  
21   phone call from him, so I just reached out to him.

22          Q.       Was the conversation that you had  
23   with Homicide Detective Fran Graf, did that lead  
24   you to try to make a phone call?

1           A.           Yes.

2           Q.           And was there anything that you can  
3   recall that you were trying to confirm through  
4   that phone call?

5           A.           Just to establish contact with him  
6   because we gave him certain dates and times to  
7   call and report in and just verify to his address  
8   one more time just to be sure.

9           Q.           Do you recall whether you were  
10   verifying his address for any specific reason?

11          A.           Just like to verify it again.  
12   Usually when they call we ask if their address,  
13   phone number is the same and if they're employed  
14   or not or if anything new happened by the time --  
15   from the last time we spoke with him.

16          Q.           Okay.

17                       MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: I have nothing  
18   further.

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20                       (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
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7 MR. WEST: No objection.

8 MR. ASSINI: That's fine.

9 MR. SANTIAGO-PAGAN: That's all.

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# EXHIBIT “F”

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1 I am working as house arrest release coordinator  
2 at this point.

3 Q. So as part of the house release  
4 coordinator, do you actually go to the house of  
5 people who are put on probation and inspect the  
6 house trying to make sure that it fits any sort of  
7 criteria for release?

8 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form,  
9 but you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: No, I do not.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Could you tell me what do you do as  
13 the home coordinator?

14 A. I would get a contact sheet and  
15 court order from the attorney and the judge. I  
16 would call them on the phone. We complete an  
17 investigation. I complete an investigation on the  
18 computer. I hand it into our pretrial field team.  
19 They would go out and install the equipment at the  
20 residence.

21 Q. So I think you referred to the  
22 people who would actually go out to the home  
23 as -- it cut out a little bit. Something team?

24 A. Pretrial field team.

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1 Q. Could you tell me a bit more about  
2 the pretrial field team; what is that?

3 A. They install house arrest equipment  
4 in the residence.

5 Q. Now, is that something that needs  
6 to be done for all probations or some probations?

7 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form,  
8 but you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Just house arrest  
10 cases, that are sentenced to house  
11 arrest.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. So this case involves someone named  
14 [REDACTED] Was he put on house arrest?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And for every person who's placed  
17 under house arrest, would there need to be some  
18 people from the pretrial field team who go out and  
19 inspect their house?

20 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.  
21 You can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. So not to beat a dead horse, but in

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1 the City of Philadelphia, every time somebody is  
2 placed under house arrest, that would mean  
3 somebody from the office would have actually gone  
4 to that person's house and inspected the premises,  
5 right?

6 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form, but  
7 you can answer to the extent --

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. So let's -- I'm going to pull up  
11 here a document. I can represent this was  
12 e-mailed to us earlier today. Then I'll ask you  
13 if you know what it is. Can you guys see my  
14 screen here?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So we're gonna mark this as  
17 Matteo-Hand Exhibit-1. And could you tell me what  
18 this is?

19 A. This is a home investigation  
20 interview, which I complete over the phone.

21 Q. Okay. So you personally did this  
22 interview?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I tried to use TrialPad and it

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1 wouldn't work. So I gotta do something else here.  
2 I think this might be the same thing.

3 So I'm circling part of it in  
4 yellow and this says interview completed with  
5 Sheila Washington - mother. Is that the person  
6 that you spoke with?

7 A. According to my notes, yes.

8 Q. I'm just going down here. The  
9 address, I'm gonna mark that in yellow as well.  
10 That says 4664 Torresdale Avenue, rear apartment,  
11 two floors, and then it says go up alleyway to  
12 knock on door, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you write that?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. How would you have gotten the  
17 information on what the address was?

18 A. When I spoke to his mother.

19 Q. So your understanding, based on  
20 your notes, is that you spoke with his mother who  
21 represented that she lived in the same apartment  
22 and she told you that the entrance to their  
23 apartment was in the alleyway, correct?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is there anything else in  
2 particular that you recall about that  
3 conversation?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. Do you know approximately  
6 when this conversation would have happened? I see  
7 also it's dated September 25th, this year, but I  
8 assume that's just when you printed it out, right?

9 A. Correct. It was completed on April  
10 25th, 2019.

11 Q. Okay, in April 2019. Now, our  
12 lawsuit, that this case is about, is an incident  
13 that occurred in 2021. Did anyone from the  
14 Philadelphia Police Department ever contact you  
15 asking for information about how to get to [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED] homes?

17 A. No.

18 Q. If anybody from the Philadelphia  
19 Police Department had contacted you asking for  
20 advice on how to get to [REDACTED] home, would  
21 you have referred to these notes and let them know  
22 that your records indicated that the entrance was  
23 through the alleyway?

24 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

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1 You can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure. I  
3 wasn't in that position and I would  
4 most likely need to ask my supervisor if  
5 we're able to give that information.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Who's your supervisor?

8 A. My supervisor?

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. Right now is Zakia Balon.

11 Q. Who would have been your supervisor  
12 back in June of 2021?

13 A. I didn't have the case in June  
14 2021.

15 Q. You did not have any supervisor in  
16 June 2021?

17 A. No.

18 MR. ASSINI: Hold on. No, you  
19 didn't have a supervisor, or no --

20 THE WITNESS: No. I had a  
21 supervisor, but I was not supervising  
22 this case.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. Are you currently

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1 supervising this case?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Who was your supervisor back in  
4 June 2021?

5 A. Duane Archie, D-U-A-N-E, Archie,  
6 A-R-C-H-I-E.

7 Q. In your experience working for the  
8 First Judicial District, have you ever been  
9 contacted by anybody from the police department  
10 asking for advice as far as how someone on  
11 probation or parole could be located?

12 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

13 You can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: No, not that I  
15 recall.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Okay. Would the police normally  
18 contact somebody in a different position in your  
19 experience?

20 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

21 You can answer.

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Joining in the  
23 objection.

24 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Could you tell me a bit more about  
3 your -- like what were your job duties and  
4 responsibilities back in June 2021?

5 A. I was doing the same thing with the  
6 house arrest release coordinations. So I was  
7 placing -- getting people ready to be placed on  
8 house arrest.

9 Q. So who would you create these  
10 records for?

11 A. Repeat the question.

12 Q. The record that you've given us,  
13 that we've marked Matteo-Hand-1, is a written  
14 record of a conversation you had with Sheila  
15 Washington, right?

16 MR. ASSINI: Object to the form.

17 You can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Basically, yes.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Why did you create this?

21 A. It's my job to create that.

22 Q. What is your understanding as to  
23 why your employer asked you to make these?

24 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.

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1 You can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: To get all the  
 3 information to get defendants placed on  
 4 house arrest.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Who would use that information, in  
 7 your experience?  
 8 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.  
 9 You can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: The pretrial field  
 11 team uses it, probation officers use  
 12 it.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. So would the information that  
 15 you've written down in this exhibit be available  
 16 to the probation officer?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. So in theory, if someone at the --  
 19 strike the question.  
 20 In your experience, the way that  
 21 the probation parole office is set up in the First  
 22 Judicial District, if somebody were to ask the  
 23 probation officer what records there where as far  
 24 as where [REDACTED] lived, is it your experience

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1 that the probation officer could have looked at  
 2 documents like this if they wanted to find an  
 3 answer to that question?  
 4 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 5 You can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if this  
 7 document was available in 2021 for  
 8 someone to look at.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Do you have any reason to believe  
 11 -- I'm sorry. Did I interrupt you?  
 12 A. In 2019 it was available, but he  
 13 was no longer on house arrest in 2021.  
 14 Q. So in 2019 it was available because  
 15 that's when it was created, right?  
 16 A. Right.  
 17 Q. And it must be available now  
 18 because you just obtained it a couple days ago,  
 19 right?  
 20 A. Yes, on my computer.  
 21 Q. And besides saving it on your  
 22 computer, did you save it somewhere else?  
 23 A. I personally -- no, I did not.  
 24 Q. Did you submit this paperwork to

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1 someone?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Who did you submit it to?  
 4 A. The pretrial field team.  
 5 Q. Okay. And they also would have  
 6 passed that along to the probation officer, right?  
 7 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 8 You can answer, if you know.  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Joining in the  
 10 objection.  
 11 THE WITNESS: I passed it along to  
 12 the house arrest officer.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. I can represent that, as of June  
 15 2021, [REDACTED] still had a probation officer.  
 16 Would it be your understanding or expectation that  
 17 the probation officer would have had documents  
 18 like this in her possession, or access to it?  
 19 A. I'm not sure.  
 20 Q. In your experience, has there ever  
 21 been a situation where the Philadelphia Police  
 22 Department contacted the office that you work for  
 23 asking for information about a wanted suspect and  
 24 a supervisor at your office said don't talk to the

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1 police?  
 2 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 3 You can answer to what you know.  
 4 THE WITNESS: I've never spoken to  
 5 a police office about a suspect.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. I'm just asking because you said  
 8 that before you spoke to a police officer you'd  
 9 have to ask for a supervisor to approve that? I'm  
 10 just wondering is there anything in your  
 11 experience, or anything you've ever heard, that  
 12 would lead you to believe that a supervisor would  
 13 ever even consider saying, hey, don't tell the  
 14 police where that guy is?  
 15 A. I have no idea.  
 16 Q. But is it fair to say that you've  
 17 never had any experience that would lead you to  
 18 believe that a supervisor would ever deny a  
 19 request like that?  
 20 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form, but  
 21 you can answer.  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Join.  
 23 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. I'm  
 24 not a supervisor.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. Do you know if this document  
3 was saved in [REDACTED] probation folder?

4 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form,  
5 but you can answer to the extent you  
6 understand the question.

7 THE WITNESS: It may have been. I  
8 can't say for sure.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Is that -- could you look up that  
11 folder now and check if it's in there?

12 A. Can I?

13 Q. Yeah.

14 MR. ASSINI: Not from here. We're  
15 in my office and I don't have access  
16 to that.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. But is that something you  
19 would normally have access to?

20 A. Yes, if I was at my office, sure.

21 Q. Based on your understanding of the  
22 policies and practices of your employer, would  
23 there be any reason why this document wouldn't be  
24 in his probation folder?

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1 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form,  
2 but you can answer to the extent you  
3 know.

4 THE WITNESS: I guess it should  
5 have been. I don't really know. I  
6 didn't have the file.

7 MR. WEST: All right. Let me --  
8 I'm gonna stop sharing for just a moment  
9 to pull up another document. Can you  
10 guys see the document I'm sharing?

11 MR. ASSINI: Yes.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. So this document has been  
14 previously marked as Shannon Exhibit-1. We're  
15 also gonna mark the same document as Matteo-Hand  
16 Exhibit-2. Just for the record, it says Client  
17 File Notes at the top. Do you recognize what this  
18 is generally? Is this the kind of document you've  
19 seen before?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Can you tell me, in your  
22 experience, generally what are documents like this  
23 used for?

24 A. That's our monitor. That's where

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1 we put all of our notes in.

2 Q. Is this something that the  
3 probation officer would normally have access to?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I can represent to you this is for  
6 [REDACTED] I don't know if you can see that,  
7 but it says [REDACTED] on it, okay. This was  
8 produced to us by Ms. Shannon, the probation  
9 officer, when she was deposed earlier. I'll just  
10 scroll down here to -- I highlighted something. I  
11 don't know why the highlighting is not showing up.  
12 So I'll just do it again. I apologize. I  
13 premarked this, but it didn't come through for  
14 some reason. So I will use a highlighting tool.

15 Can you see that I've highlighted  
16 part of this page?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. It says April 26th, 2019,  
19 completed, and it says Matteo J. Is that you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it says author. Does that mean  
22 that you wrote this?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And it says field team installed

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1 PHMU. Can you tell us what PHMU would stand for  
2 in this context?

3 A. Sure. It's the house arrest box.

4 Q. And it says location: second floor  
5 apartment, rear entrance off Margaret Street,  
6 right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So is this you memorializing that  
9 -- so that everyone in your office would know that  
10 the entrance to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was off  
11 Margaret Street?

12 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form.  
13 You can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes. This was copied  
15 from pretrial field team notes and put  
16 into our notes so everyone would know.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. So any of the people involved with  
19 [REDACTED] case at the probation office, if  
20 they were contacted and asked hey, do you have any  
21 information on how to get into [REDACTED]  
22 apartment, they could have pulled this up and  
23 said, yeah, you gotta go in the rear entrance off  
24 Margaret Street, right?

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1 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 2 You can answer.  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm joining in the  
 4 objection.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. I understand that you personally  
 8 haven't had the experience of speaking with  
 9 anybody from the police department about how to  
 10 find a suspect who's on probation, but I'm just  
 11 asking generally, in your experience, do you know  
 12 if the police contact other people in your office  
 13 to ask for that kind of information?  
 14 A. They could, I guess. I don't know  
 15 of any.  
 16 Q. I don't know what kind of briefing  
 17 you might get from you're employer. So you're not  
 18 really aware if the probation officers are asked  
 19 that sort of question or not?  
 20 MR. ASSINI: Objection.  
 21 THE WITNESS: No. Sorry.  
 22 MR. WEST: That's fine.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Is there any policy in your office,

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1 that you're aware of, that would give anyone any  
 2 reason to believe that supervisors in your office  
 3 would ever instruct anybody in your office, you  
 4 know, hey, don't tell the police where these guys  
 5 are?  
 6 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 7 You can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Not in my  
 9 recollection. I would need to review  
 10 policy.  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm joining in the  
 12 objection, just for the record.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. All right. In any case, if  
 15 somebody did contact your office and the records  
 16 were pulled, your office's records clearly showed  
 17 that the entrance to [REDACTED] apartment was  
 18 the rear entrance off Margaret Street, correct?  
 19 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form.  
 20 You can answer.  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm joining in the  
 22 objection.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Is there anything else at this time  
 2 that you recall about the [REDACTED] case? Did  
 3 you ever have any unusual interactions with him,  
 4 maybe not the police, but anyone else? Is there  
 5 anything else that you recall at this time about  
 6 the [REDACTED] case?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. I think you indicated he was off  
 9 house arrest at some point. Do you know when he  
 10 would have been off house arrest?  
 11 A. He actually absconded in July of  
 12 2019.  
 13 Q. Can you tell me more about that?  
 14 A. He absconded. So he left. I'm not  
 15 sure if he cut off his bracelet or whatever, but  
 16 he was no longer reporting. We didn't know where  
 17 he was. There was a warrant out for him.  
 18 Q. So between July of 2019 and up  
 19 until at least June of 2021, from your office's  
 20 point of view, was [REDACTED] whereabouts  
 21 unknown?  
 22 MR. ASSINI: October to the form,  
 23 but you can answer to the extent you  
 24 can.

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1 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge,  
 2 eventually he was found, yes.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Can you tell me about when he was  
 5 found?  
 6 A. May of 2020.  
 7 Q. And where was he found?  
 8 A. That I do not know.  
 9 Q. Once he was found, was he taken  
 10 back to prison, jail, was he put back on house  
 11 arrest?  
 12 A. He was taken to prison.  
 13 Q. Do you know how long he was taken  
 14 back to prison for?  
 15 A. I think his detainer was lifted in  
 16 June of 2020.  
 17 Q. Okay. So only a month?  
 18 A. Yeah, with no house arrest.  
 19 Q. All right. I've definitely heard  
 20 of worst fates for absconding, but okay.  
 21 So then between June of 2020 and  
 22 June of 2021, do you know what his status was; was  
 23 he on house arrest, something else?  
 24 A. This is all according to the

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1 notes.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. He was not on house arrest. He was  
4 -- I assume he was reporting to a probation  
5 officer.

6 MR. ASSINI: Do you know that for  
7 sure?

8 THE WITNESS: No, I don't know that  
9 for sure. I didn't read every note. I  
10 just read my part of the notes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. So as of June 2021, is it your  
13 understanding that [REDACTED] was under probation  
14 and was supposed to be reporting to a probation  
15 officer?

16 A. June of -- I believe so, yes.

17 Q. I don't want to take up more of  
18 your time and this is a little bit outside, but I  
19 think I have to ask the question in case I'm  
20 missing something.

21 To me it seems a little strange  
22 that he would be on house arrest, abscond, and  
23 then be released to what seems like a lower level  
24 of supervision. Do you have any insight in the

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1 records of why that might have been?

2 MR. ASSINI: Objection to form, but  
3 you can -- if you have any insight.

4 THE WITNESS: I'm gonna say it was  
5 COVID.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. They just didn't have a lot  
8 of room in jail, right, probably? I mean we're  
9 guessing.

10 MR. ASSINI: I just want to -- for  
11 the record, it's not the PO's  
12 determination in any way. It's up to a  
13 judge.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. I'm just saying you don't see  
16 anything in the record that like says they  
17 pardoned him of some crime or something. There's  
18 nothing in there to explain why he would be lower  
19 level, right, other than possible just scarcity?

20 MR. ASSINI: Objection to the form,  
21 but you --

22 MR. WEST: Okay. I don't need her  
23 to go into that.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Just the last question. So the two  
2 exhibits that we've looked at, these are things  
3 that, in your experience, would have been  
4 available back in June 2020, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. WEST: I have no further  
7 questions for you. Thank you for taking  
8 a little bit of your time.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I have no  
11 questions for you. I just need to  
12 designate on the record those portions  
13 of this deposition mentioning [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] name be designated confidential  
15 pursuant to the protective order.

16 MR. WEST: I have no objection to  
17 that.

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Thank you very  
19 much for your time.

20 MR. ASSINI: I just have brief  
21 questions.

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23 EXAMINATION

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1 BY MR. ASSINI:

2 Q. Do you have any independent memory  
3 of [REDACTED]

4 A. No.

5 Q. So your memory is based off of your  
6 review of the file notes that are offered as an  
7 exhibit and the report also offered as an exhibit  
8 today?

9 A. Absolutely.

10 MR. ASSINI: No further questions.

11 ---

12 (Whereupon, Exhibits Matteo-Hand-1  
13 and Matteo-Hand-2 were marked for  
14 identification.)

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16 (Whereupon, the deposition  
17 concluded at 1:30 p.m.)

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Law Center, 121 South Broad Street, 17th Floor,  
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10:00 a.m., before Denise Weller, a Professional  
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4	(It is hereby stipulated and agreed
5	by and among counsel that signing, sealing,
6	filing and certification are waived; and
7	that all objections, except as to the form
8	of the questions, are reserved until the
9	time of trial.)
10	- - -
11	MR. WEST: We agree that what we
12	usually call the stipulations that you can
13	reserve all objections except as to the form
14	until the time of trial.
15	MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Okay. That's fine.
16	MR. WEST: That's what you
17	understand is the usual stipulations, right?
18	MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yes. I'm happy to
19	waive the reading and signing.
20	THE VIDEO OPERATOR: This is the
21	audio/video deposition for use at trial in
22	the matter of Felishatay Alvarado v. The
23	City of Philadelphia, et al, GD number
24	22-3763. And I'm the video operator. My

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1	name is Samantha DiBona and I am employed by
2	the Victims' Recovery Law Center. My
3	address is 121 South Broad Street, 18th
4	Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.
5	Today's date is May 16th, 2023 at 10:02 a.m.
6	This deposition is being performed
7	in person. The caption in this case is
8	Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et al, GD
9	number 22-3763. The witness being deposed
10	today is Officer Patrick Saba. This
11	deposition is being taken on behalf of the
12	Plaintiff Felishatay Alvarado. The officer
13	taking this deposition is Denise Weller and
14	she shall swear in the witness at this time.
15	- - -
16	OFFICER PATRICK SABA, after having
17	been first duly sworn, was examined and
18	testified as follows:
19	- - -
20	EXAMINATION
21	- - -
22	BY MR. WEST:
23	Q. Officer Saba, my name is Keith West. I
24	am one of the attorneys representing Ms. Alvarado

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1 in this case. And you're here represented by  
2 Counsel. You have had a chance to confer with him  
3 and you're prepared to testify today, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All right. Just a couple of preliminary  
6 questions we always have to ask. Don't read  
7 anything into it. Are you under the influence of  
8 any sort of medication, substance, illness,  
9 anything that would impair your ability to testify  
10 truthfully today?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And have you ever actually been in a  
13 deposition before?

14 A. Yes, it's been a while.

15 Q. Okay. How many times have you been  
16 deposed previously?

17 A. I believe it was only twice. But I can  
18 be off with the numbers.

19 Q. Okay. Could you just generally tell me  
20 what the prior depositions were about and give me  
21 an approximation of when they occurred, if that's  
22 possible?

23 A. They were for auto accidents. And  
24 probably 10 plus years ago.

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1 Q. Okay. And were these auto accidents that  
2 you were somehow a witness to in your private  
3 capacity or were these related to being a member  
4 of the Philadelphia Police Department?

5 A. Just a member of the department.

6 Q. Okay. They were both auto accidents?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were you the victim in these auto  
9 accidents or --

10 A. No. I would have been the officer taking  
11 the report.

12 Q. Okay. So you're there as a witness?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. Well, your attorney probably  
15 explained how the format is. Just to give a  
16 general over ground, this in many ways may feel  
17 like a normal conversation, which is good. We  
18 just have to remember that the court reporter  
19 needs to write down what we are saying all of the  
20 time.

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. So you're already doing it. Just make  
23 sure we don't speak at the same time. Say your  
24 attorney wants to put something on the record, we

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1 all pause and don't speak at the same time, okay?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Likewise, all of our responses have to be  
4 spoken. So nods of the head, things we normally  
5 do in a conversation won't get on the record.

6 A. Of course.

7 Q. So you have to make sure everything is  
8 spoken out loud, okay?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. As your attorney, I am sure has advised  
11 you, your only obligation is to just give truthful  
12 testimony based on your personal information. So  
13 I am not going to ask you to guess or speculate.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Just tell me what you know, okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Now, one area that we usually advise  
18 people is that if you are able to give an estimate  
19 or approximation, that is something that we would  
20 like to hear from you. Just let us know what  
21 you're giving an estimate or approximation.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Example, it's a boring example, but we  
24 always say if I was to ask you how many feet it is

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1 to the wall, you're not a robot. I don't think  
2 you can eyeball it and tell me to the inch exactly  
3 how far it is, right?

4 A. Gotcha. Okay.

5 Q. But in your job, I bet you normally give  
6 estimates like that, right? However, say somebody  
7 grows up in France, only knows the metric system,  
8 I am not asking them to guess how long a foot or  
9 an inch is if they don't know.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You understand the difference, right?

12 A. Yeah. Definitely, yes.

13 Q. Beyond that, this is not intended to be  
14 an unnecessarily uncomfortable thing, this isn't  
15 an interrogation. So if you need a break at any  
16 time, you want a cup of coffee or something, just  
17 let us know. We will try to be as accommodating  
18 as possible. Any questions I ask you, the  
19 assumption is that you understand it before you  
20 answer it.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. So if you need me to rephrase a question,  
23 speak louder, anything like that, just let us know  
24 and we will, if possible, try to restate or

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 rephrase the question, okay?</p> <p>2 A. Okay.</p> <p>3 Q. All right, sir. Do you recall an</p> <p>4 incident -- basically, do you recall the incident</p> <p>5 that this case is about, where some members of the</p> <p>6 SWAT team went into Ms. Alvarado's house and I</p> <p>7 guess her dog was killed.</p> <p>8 Do you recall this incident?</p> <p>9 A. It's pretty vague, because it's been</p> <p>10 quite some time. But I know that it was just</p> <p>11 based off of the information that I saw, it was</p> <p>12 June of 2021.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. But sitting here today, do you</p> <p>14 actually recall the incident in June 2021 at all?</p> <p>15 A. Some of it, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. All right. So what do you recall? Tell</p> <p>17 me whatever you can remember about it.</p> <p>18 A. I do remember Officer Song discharging at</p> <p>19 a dog.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. It would be -- I guess it would have been</p> <p>22 the living room area of the property.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Did you actually see Officer Song</p> <p>24 shoot the dog or do you just remember that it</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 Q. Sir, I would ask you to take a moment to</p> <p>2 look that over, review it. And let me know when</p> <p>3 you're prepared to continue.</p> <p>4 A. Okay.</p> <p>5 Q. All right, sir. Do you recognize what</p> <p>6 this is a diagram of?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Tell me what this is a diagram of.</p> <p>9 A. This would be a diagram of the living</p> <p>10 quarters for Torresdale Avenue.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Is it fair to state that this is a</p> <p>12 diagram of Ms. Alvarado's apartment?</p> <p>13 A. I don't -- I don't exactly remember the</p> <p>14 placement of everything that is on this diagram.</p> <p>15 But it would be fair to say that this is pretty</p> <p>16 close.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. To the best of your understanding,</p> <p>18 is this consistent with Ms. Alvarado's apartment?</p> <p>19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>20 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, yes,</p> <p>22 it would be fair to say. Yes.</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Let me ask you the question this</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 happened?</p> <p>2 A. No, I didn't see him shoot the dog.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. And could you see what Officer</p> <p>4 Song was doing immediately before he discharged</p> <p>5 his firearm?</p> <p>6 A. No. Immediately before Officer Song</p> <p>7 discharged, I had already passed Officer Song. So</p> <p>8 he was -- he would have been off behind me and to</p> <p>9 my left.</p> <p>10 Q. Sure. Actually, I have -- I have a</p> <p>11 diagram that I will put on the record was provided</p> <p>12 to me by the Defendant's in this case. It's Bates</p> <p>13 stamped as D000137.</p> <p>14 MR. WEST: And if there's no</p> <p>15 objection from Defense Counsel, we will mark</p> <p>16 this as Exhibit 1 for today's deposition.</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No objection.</p> <p>18 MR. WEST: So I will give you a</p> <p>19 copy.</p> <p>20 - - -</p> <p>21 (Whereupon, Exhibit 1 was marked for</p> <p>22 identification.)</p> <p>23 - - -</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 way. Do you recall at any point back in the</p> <p>2 incident in June 2021 entering Ms. Alvarado's</p> <p>3 apartment?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And is there anything that you can</p> <p>6 recall about the layout of her apartment, whatever</p> <p>7 you found inside of her apartment that is</p> <p>8 inconsistent with this diagram?</p> <p>9 A. I don't remember this table being in the</p> <p>10 center of the room. But again, I don't remember</p> <p>11 if everything on this was exactly placed here.</p> <p>12 But I wouldn't be able to say that it wasn't there</p> <p>13 either.</p> <p>14 Q. So is it your recollection today that you</p> <p>15 don't remember there being a table? Is it your</p> <p>16 sense --</p> <p>17 A. I don't remember there being a table, no.</p> <p>18 Q. Right. So is it your sense that this</p> <p>19 area was kind of --</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. It seems obvious to us now, but when</p> <p>22 someone is reading the record in a year it might</p> <p>23 be more complicated. Would you mind just</p> <p>24 highlighting with this pink highlighter the table?</p>

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1 A. Sure. (Witness complies.)  
 2 Q. All right. And do you recall there being  
 3 a dog crate?  
 4 A. I don't recall a dog crate.  
 5 Q. Okay. All right. So could you -- I will  
 6 give you a blue pen. Could you mark here -- let's  
 7 see. You and Officer Song have the same last  
 8 initial. So what is the best way to put it?  
 9 Maybe if you could just do an M for me.  
 10 A. Okay.  
 11 Q. Could you mark to the best of memory an M  
 12 for where you believe that you were located and  
 13 where -- and an S for where you believe Officer  
 14 Song was located at the time that Officer Song's  
 15 firearm was discharged?  
 16 A. Okay. So S for where Officer Song was at  
 17 when he discharged and an M for me where I was at  
 18 when he discharged?  
 19 Q. Yes.  
 20 A. Okay. So I -- I believe I was right  
 21 here. And Officer Song was somewhere  
 22 approximately within this area right here.  
 23 Q. All right. And then could you point an  
 24 arrow pointing in the direction of where your

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1 because the dog was biting at him.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Did you actually see a dog bite Officer  
 4 Song?  
 5 A. The dog -- when I initially saw the dog  
 6 attacking Officer Song, he was attacking the back  
 7 of Officer Song's legs.  
 8 Q. Okay. But did you actually see the  
 9 dog -- the dog bite Officer Song?  
 10 A. No.  
 11 Q. Okay. All right. How did you end up in  
 12 Ms. Alvarado's apartment that day?  
 13 A. We were serving a warrant for homicide.  
 14 It was an arrest and search warrant for homicide  
 15 at this location.  
 16 Q. Okay. Now, is it your understanding  
 17 today that the warrant that you were executing  
 18 actually authorized you to be inside of Ms.  
 19 Alvarado's apartment?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 But Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: To the best of my  
 23 knowledge, this warrant was for a male that  
 24 was in the second floor rear apartment of

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1 eyesight was focused?  
 2 A. You want me to indicate an arrow like  
 3 which way I was looking?  
 4 Q. Right. So basically you were looking  
 5 away from the direction of Officer Song at the  
 6 time, correct?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. Okay.  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Keith, just for  
 10 clarification, is this the point at which he  
 11 fired?  
 12 MR. WEST: Yes.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Okay. Thank you.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. And -- okay. All right. That takes care  
 16 of that.  
 17 Do you -- do you know why Officer Song  
 18 discharged his firearm?  
 19 A. Do I know why Officer Song discharged his  
 20 firearm?  
 21 Q. Yes.  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 But Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: It would have been

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1 this -- of this property. I believe it was  
 2 6446 Torredale.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Uh-huh.  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Okay. So on the date of the incident,  
 7 you were attempting -- you and the other officers  
 8 were attempting to execute a warrant that you  
 9 understood authorized you to be in the second  
 10 floor rear apartment?  
 11 A. Uh-huh.  
 12 Q. Of the building, correct?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, did Ms.  
 15 Alvarado live in the second floor rear apartment?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. All right. Is it fair to say that she  
 18 lived in apartment number one on the first floor,  
 19 correct?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Okay. Did you believe prior to entering  
 22 Ms. Alvarado's home that the warrant for the  
 23 second floor rear apartment legally entitled you  
 24 to enter apartment number one on the first floor?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: So there was no  
4 indication on the front door that this was  
5 apartment one only.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. I understand. That is a separate issue.  
8 I'm just asking -- if you can just answer the  
9 question I am asking.

10 Did you -- was it your understanding that  
11 the warrant for the second floor rear apartment  
12 gave you a legal right to enter apartment number  
13 one on the first floor where Ms. Alvarado lived?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 But Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: I will answer the  
17 same. There was no indication that this  
18 front door was apartment one only. It would  
19 lead any reasonable person to believe that  
20 this front door may have led to or more than  
21 likely led to two different doors which  
22 would have been your client's door and the  
23 second floor door.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 information saying that this door led only  
2 to the first floor apartment, then we would  
3 not have been legally able to enter.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. But I will also indicate that on the  
7 front of the property there were two mailboxes.

8 Q. Uh-huh. All right, sir. Did you hear  
9 the dog barking before the door was breached?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. Do you know if the dog was barking before  
12 the door was breached?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
14 Officer, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't recall, no.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Okay. So could you explain to me at the  
18 time that the door was breached, where were you  
19 physically standing?

20 A. I would have been -- I would have been  
21 six officers back from the front door. So I  
22 was -- I would say I was approximately 20 to 25  
23 feet away from the front door.

24 Q. Okay. All right. I will try to make --

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1 Q. Sure. So if you had known that the door  
2 on the first floor led directly into apartment  
3 number one, would you believe that the warrant  
4 legally authorized you to open that door?

5 A. No.

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 But Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: No. I will answer no.  
9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. And could you clarify when you say  
11 no, what do you mean?

12 A. If there was an indication on this front  
13 door that this was apartment one only, we would  
14 not be able to legally enter the property without  
15 further information indicating where the entry  
16 would be or where the stairwell would be to get to  
17 the second floor.

18 Q. Okay. But you understood even back in  
19 June 2021 that if that door led directly into Ms.  
20 Alvarado's apartment, it was illegal for you to  
21 walk through that door, correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: If there was

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1 just from my notes I have written down here one  
2 through six.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. So I will put -- I will put you for six.

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. And who do you believe was the nearest to  
7 the door at the time that this -- make sure we are  
8 on the same page, at the time the door was  
9 breached?

10 A. Sure. It would have been our two  
11 breachers were the first -- were the first two at  
12 the door.

13 Q. Uh-huh.

14 A. So that would have been I believe it was  
15 Officer Murray and Officer Clark.

16 Q. Okay. And who do you believe was number  
17 three?

18 A. Number three would have been Officer  
19 Song.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Then it would have been Officer Hamoy,  
22 H-A-M-O-Y. And then Lieutenant Monk, M-O-N-K.

23 Q. Okay. All right. And of these six  
24 people, did anyone have any like command or



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1 supervision over the other officers?  
 2 A. Lieutenant Monk.  
 3 Q. Lieutenant Monk did, correct?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. Okay. All right. Did you see anyone  
 6 knock on the front door before the door was  
 7 breached?  
 8 A. I didn't see anyone. But you know, we  
 9 knock and announce with, you know, a loud  
 10 boisterous, you know, just to let somebody know  
 11 that we are there for a warrant.  
 12 Q. I understand that it's your understanding  
 13 that under the policies and procedures there's  
 14 supposed to be a knock before the door is  
 15 breached, correct?  
 16 A. Sure.  
 17 Q. But is it your testimony that you have no  
 18 specific recollection of seeing anyone knock that  
 19 day?  
 20 A. I wouldn't have been able to see the  
 21 front door, because it was set back off of the  
 22 property. There was -- it was kind of like -- I  
 23 guess surrounded by the foundation of the  
 24 property. So the door is actually set back a

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1 little bit.  
 2 Q. Okay. Prior to the door being breached,  
 3 did you personally know whether or not there was a  
 4 rear entrance to the building?  
 5 A. Any property would have a rear  
 6 exit/entry. All properties have a rear  
 7 exit/entry.  
 8 Q. My question is, did you personally know  
 9 whether or not the property had a rear entrance at  
 10 the time before the door was breached?  
 11 A. No.  
 12 Q. You did not know that?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Okay. You were aware that the warrant  
 15 was only valid for the rear apartment, correct?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Second floor rear.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Right. So do you think it may have  
 21 affected your understanding of what the proper  
 22 door was if you had known that there was a rear  
 23 entrance?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. If you had known that there was a rear  
 5 entrance, do you think that may have affected your  
 6 understanding of what door was the way to get into  
 7 the rear apartment?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 9 Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: All properties have  
 11 rear entrances. So it would be hard to know  
 12 whether that rear entrance went straight up  
 13 to second floor, unless you were actually  
 14 inside the property.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. How long -- you're on the SWAT  
 17 team, right?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. So when did you first join the  
 20 Philadelphia Police Department?  
 21 A. 2006; November 2006.  
 22 Q. And when you first joined the  
 23 Philadelphia Police Department, what was your  
 24 title?

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1 A. Patrol officer.  
 2 Q. Patrol officer. Had you ever been in law  
 3 enforcement prior to joining the Philadelphia  
 4 Police Department?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. At some point you joined the SWAT team?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. When was that?  
 9 A. December 2018.  
 10 Q. All right. And when you joined the SWAT  
 11 team, did you receive any additional SWAT team  
 12 training?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. As far as you're aware, you received all  
 15 SWAT team training offered by the Philadelphia  
 16 Police Department in order to be a member of the  
 17 SWAT team as of June 2021?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: You're asking if all  
 21 of my training was through the department?  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Right. I am trying to figure out in June  
 24 2021 if you were like maybe a provisional member



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1 of the SWAT team or --  
 2 A. Oh, no. I was officially part of the  
 3 SWAT.  
 4 Q. Right. So was it your understanding as  
 5 of June 2021 that you received all of the training  
 6 provided by the Philadelphia Police Department  
 7 that prepared SWAT team members to do their job?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. Now, had you received any training  
 13 prior to June 2021 about how to execute a search  
 14 warrant or an arrest warrant at a home?  
 15 A. Have I received training on how to -- I'm  
 16 not -- I'm not really understanding your question.  
 17 Q. That's fine. I can repeat the question.  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. As of June 2021, so I am not really  
 20 asking about anything that may have happened after  
 21 the incident, but prior to the incident at Ms.  
 22 Alvarado's house --  
 23 A. Uh-huh.  
 24 Q. -- had you received any training from the

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1 Philadelphia Police Department as far as what you  
 2 should do when you were executing a warrant at a  
 3 person's private residence?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. So how did that -- according to  
 9 the training that you received, how were you told  
 10 that you should execute a warrant at a private  
 11 residence?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 14 THE WITNESS: So when we -- when we  
 15 go to serve a warrant, you knock -- you  
 16 knock and announce your presence that  
 17 there's a warrant to be served at the  
 18 property.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. And how were you told that you  
 21 should knock and announce?  
 22 A. Loud, boisterous so that not only the  
 23 occupants can hear you, but that, you know,  
 24 neighbors, anybody in the area can hear that a

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1 warrant is being served.  
 2 Q. Okay. And according to the training that  
 3 you received when you knocked and announced, how  
 4 much time should you normally give the occupant of  
 5 the home to answer the door before breaching the  
 6 door?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 9 THE WITNESS: The order is always  
 10 given to breach the property by a  
 11 supervisor. So that one would -- it would  
 12 have been Lieutenant Monk would have ordered  
 13 the breach of that property.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. But were you ever given any  
 16 training whatsoever as to how much time you should  
 17 normally allow to pass before breaching a door?  
 18 A. A reasonable amount of time.  
 19 Q. Sure. When you say reasonable amount of  
 20 time, what do you mean by that?  
 21 A. I guess it could be approximately 30  
 22 seconds.  
 23 Q. Okay. So at least 30 seconds?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 But Officer --  
 2 THE WITNESS: Approximately, yeah.  
 3 Approximately 30 seconds before the order is  
 4 given.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge as to  
 7 whether at least 30 seconds were provided to Ms.  
 8 Alvarado between when the door was knocked and her  
 9 front door was breached?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 11 Officer, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Personal knowledge,  
 13 no. But I heard Lieutenant Monk say breach.  
 14 So yes, I wasn't, you know, paying attention  
 15 to like the time clock to when the  
 16 announcement was made to when the door was  
 17 breached.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. That is what I am asking. So I  
 20 understand. You're saying that the door was  
 21 breached because Lieutenant Monk ordered the door  
 22 to be breached, correct?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. But you personally did not observe that

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1 at least 30 seconds passed between the door being  
 2 knocked and the door being breached, correct?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah, I wasn't  
 6 watching the time clock. So I mean, no, I  
 7 don't have personal knowledge of whether it  
 8 was actually 30 seconds.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. Have you ever seen the video?  
 11 A. I haven't seen anything.  
 12 Q. Did you review any documents,  
 13 photographs, video, anything to prepare for  
 14 today's testimony?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. All right. On the day that the front  
 17 door on Ms. Alvarado's home was breached, were you  
 18 wearing a body camera?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 Q. Were any of the officers wearing a body  
 21 camera?  
 22 A. Nobody from SWAT was wearing body  
 23 cameras.  
 24 Q. Do you know why no one was wearing body

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 But Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: If the City provides  
 4 it, you're supposed to wear it.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal knowledge  
 7 as to why the SWAT team had not been provided body  
 8 cams that day?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Officer, you can answer.  
 11 THE WITNESS: No. I am not in  
 12 charge of buying the body cameras for the  
 13 City.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Right. So Officer Saba, I just want to  
 16 remind you of the instruction at the beginning of  
 17 the deposition. I promise it will go faster.  
 18 A. Yeah.  
 19 Q. All questions are based on what you  
 20 personally know. So I am not asking you what  
 21 you're responsible for or anything like that. If  
 22 I ask you a question have you heard this, I am  
 23 asking have you heard it. I am not asking  
 24 anything beyond that, okay?

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1 cams that day?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 3 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 4 THE WITNESS: We have -- we haven't  
 5 received any body cameras from the  
 6 department.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Is that true even today?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. All right. Have you ever -- have you  
 11 ever heard anything about their being a  
 12 Philadelphia Police Department directive that  
 13 officers are supposed to wear body cams?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 16 THE WITNESS: I don't make up the  
 17 directives. I just go to work and --  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. I understand, sir. I am not asking that  
 20 you make up the directives. I am just wondering  
 21 if you heard -- I am just -- have you personally  
 22 heard that there might be a directive in place  
 23 from the commissioner that officers are supposed  
 24 to wear body cams?

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1 A. Okay.  
 2 Q. All right. So just to make sure that you  
 3 understand. Have you ever heard anything as to  
 4 why the SWAT team had not been provided body cams  
 5 as of June 2021?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 THE WITNESS: No.  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, you can  
 10 answer.  
 11 THE WITNESS: No. No, I haven't  
 12 heard why.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Were you aware that other officers within  
 15 the Philadelphia Police Department were wearing  
 16 body cams as of that time?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: At that location or  
 20 just City wide?  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Other members of the Philadelphia Police  
 23 Department in general?  
 24 A. Just in general -- yeah, in general there

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1 are a lot of officers that wear body cameras. I  
 2 had a body camera when I was in patrol.  
 3 Q. And that was back when?  
 4 A. That would have been -- so I was in 22nd  
 5 at the time. So it would have been prior to  
 6 February of 2017.  
 7 Q. All right. And again, this is based on  
 8 your personal information.  
 9 A. Sure.  
 10 Q. Do you have any personal information as  
 11 to why all the way back in February 2017, normal  
 12 patrol officers in the City of Philadelphia were  
 13 wearing body cams, but all the way back into the  
 14 summer of 2019 the SWAT team wasn't wearing them?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: It would have been the  
 18 summer of 2021.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. I'm sorry. I misspoke. 2021.  
 21 A. That's fine. I don't have knowledge of  
 22 why we didn't have body cameras at the time, nor  
 23 do I know why we still don't have body cameras.  
 24 Q. All right. To your knowledge, was there

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1 any recording devices whatsoever being used at the  
 2 time when Ms. Alvarado's front door was breached?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: There would have been  
 6 no recording devices used by the SWAT Unit.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. Was that normal practice in your  
 9 experience for the SWAT Unit and the Philadelphia  
 10 Police Department as of June 2021?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 13 THE WITNESS: From the time that I  
 14 was assigned to SWAT to the time of the  
 15 incident, yes, that was normal procedure.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. Do you know why Lieutenant Monk  
 18 ordered the door to be breached at the time he  
 19 ordered the door to be breached?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: No.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Have you ever had any conversation with

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1 Lieutenant Monk about this incident?  
 2 A. I mean, not recent. But you know, we  
 3 normally talk about all warrants.  
 4 Q. All right. And when you did speak to  
 5 Lieutenant Monk about this incident, what did he  
 6 say?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 9 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Can you recall anything he said?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. Sir, based on your training from the  
 14 Philadelphia Police Department as of June 2021, if  
 15 the only entrance to the second floor rear  
 16 apartment was through apartment number one, and  
 17 you only had a warrant for the second floor rear  
 18 apartment, could you as a member of the SWAT Unit  
 19 have gone through the first floor apartment in  
 20 order to get to the second floor rear apartment?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Based on my  
 24 experience, I have never encountered

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1 entryways to the second floor through  
 2 someone else's apartment.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. But could you answer the question  
 5 I asked you? Would you like it read back to you?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 - - -  
 8 (Whereupon, the pertinent portion of  
 9 the record was read.)  
 10 - - -  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. If that is the  
 14 only way to get to the second floor, yes, we  
 15 can serve that warrant.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. And was that consistent with the  
 18 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
 19 Department as you understood them from the  
 20 training you had received as of June 2021?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Okay. Could you tell me where did you  
2 gain that understanding that was the policies and  
3 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: I mean, that is just  
7 pretty -- to me, that is pretty much common  
8 sense. If there is only one entryway to the  
9 second floor through someone else's  
10 apartment, it would be -- it would lead any  
11 common person to believe that that occupant  
12 of the second floor also has some form of  
13 legal entry into the first apartment as  
14 well.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Um-hum. Okay. Now, the front door that  
17 was breached, prior to that door being breached,  
18 had anyone told you what was behind that door?

19 A. No.

20 Q. All right. So, for example, Lieutenant  
21 Monk -- Lieutenant Monk was the commanding officer  
22 on the scene, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did he give you and the other SWAT Unit

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1 Officer, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Other than the type of  
3 door. It was just a metal magna steel door.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Did he say anything about what you guys  
6 anticipated was on the other side of that door?

7 A. I don't recall.

8 Q. Did he tell you where the door led?

9 A. There would be no way for us to know. No  
10 one was ever inside the property.

11 Q. Do you know if anyone from the SWAT Unit  
12 had contacted property management, property owner  
13 or anybody like that?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Did you have any knowledge as to who  
19 lived on the first floor of the property before  
20 the door was breached?

21 A. No.

22 Q. All right, sir. I have a photograph  
23 here. This is taken from Google Maps. It's  
24 actually time stamped 9:39 a.m. Monday, May 15th.

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1 members any sort of briefing about what you guys  
2 were doing?

3 A. We brief every warrant. And that  
4 briefing consists of the location that we are  
5 going to, the suspect or defendant that we are  
6 going to get, what they are wanted for. And then  
7 there's usually other information like where we  
8 are staging at, how we are driving from the  
9 staging area to the property. And then God forbid  
10 there's an emergency or one of us are shot,  
11 there's also information of how to get to the  
12 nearest trauma center from the location.

13 Q. Right. So did he give you guys any sort  
14 of briefing about -- that you were going to go  
15 through the front door?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 Officer, you can answer if you can.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that  
19 particular -- no.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. You don't recall him saying  
22 anything about the front door that you were  
23 knocking on that you breached?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 It's from yesterday. And the same photograph I  
2 will just represent for the record was used as an  
3 exhibit at yesterday's deposition of Officer Song.  
4 I will give you -- so we will mark this as Exhibit  
5 2. If you can take a moment to look at it, once  
6 you had a chance to review it, let me know when  
7 you're ready to proceed.

8 A. Sure.

9 - - -

10 (Whereupon, Exhibit 2 was marked for  
11 identification.)

12 - - -

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. All right, sir. Do you recognize what  
15 this is a picture of?

16 A. Uh-huh. Yes, I do.

17 Q. What is this picture of?

18 A. Other than the houses to the left, it  
19 would depict the tan colored property was the  
20 location that we went into.

21 Q. Right. And is it your testimony then,  
22 the tan colored house pictured here, was the  
23 residence where Ms. Alvarado lived?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And the front door of this tan colored  
2 property, is that the front door that got  
3 breached?

4 A. The door would be to the right of the  
5 windows, yes.

6 Q. So there's windows. There's a couple  
7 things that look like mailboxes. And then there's  
8 a door right next to that, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is that the door that got breached?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you see any second floor above that  
13 door?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Officer, you can answer if you can.

16 THE WITNESS: No.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. So do you think it would be reasonable  
19 for someone to believe that this second -- that  
20 this door led to the second floor of a building?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

22 Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: No. It wouldn't be  
24 reasonable.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. So tell me what you recall  
3 happened after the dog was shot.

4 A. I remember -- after the dog was shot, I  
5 remember continuing to walk through the property.  
6 I remember Mrs. -- I am going to indicate on  
7 the -- on your --

8 Q. Oh, sure. I will tell you what, let me  
9 give you a black pen. And you can write anything  
10 you want. Just let us know what you're doing.

11 A. I am just going to write on here I  
12 remember Mrs. Alvarado being right here, at like  
13 the kitchen wall. There was a wall in between the  
14 living area and the kitchen. I remember Mrs.  
15 Alvarado being right here. She was -- if I  
16 remember, she was down on her knees.

17 Q. Was she naked at the time?

18 A. I don't recall.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Yeah, I don't recall. I remember her  
21 being -- was like this and she was crying.

22 Q. Her hands up to show she was no threat  
23 and she was crying, correct?

24 A. Yes.

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. Hands up that  
4 she was of no threat to us. I went -- I  
5 went directly to Ms. Alvarado and I asked  
6 her where the steps were to the second  
7 floor. And she said they're out back.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay. And so what did you do after that?

10 A. I informed Lieutenant Monk what Mrs.  
11 Alvarado had told me.

12 Q. Yes. What did he say to that?

13 A. And it was almost simultaneously at the  
14 same time our rear containment had communicated  
15 through our radio system that there were people  
16 coming out of the back door. So with that  
17 information from our rear containment and with  
18 information from Ms. Alvarado, Lieutenant Monk  
19 told us to exit the property, form up and go  
20 around to the back of the property.

21 Q. Okay. And then what happened?

22 A. We went around to the back of the  
23 property. Between that time, the occupants that  
24 had come out the back door, they had told our rear

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1 containment that they lived on the second floor.  
2 And then it was to my knowledge it was  
3 communicated to them who we were looking for. And  
4 I believe the male that came out said that it was  
5 his son.

6 Q. Okay. So when you referred to the rear  
7 containment officers, was it -- does that mean  
8 that there were some officers from the SWAT unit  
9 who were actually stationed at the rear door?

10 A. They wouldn't be at the rear door. They  
11 would be like positioned off of the property.  
12 Like, you know, you're not -- you wouldn't be  
13 standing directly up against the door. You would  
14 have some distance between the property and the  
15 property line.

16 Q. Okay. Do you know how many people were  
17 in the rear containment?

18 A. It would always be two.

19 Q. So the standard would be to have two  
20 officers?

21 A. Two officers, yes.

22 Q. Do you recall that there's a cul-de-sac  
23 area in front of the rear door?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 But Officer, you can answer if you know.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I don't recall exactly</p> <p>3 how the rear of the property looked. No, I</p> <p>4 don't.</p> <p>5 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal knowledge</p> <p>7 why there wasn't an effort to execute the warrant</p> <p>8 through the rear door?</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>10 Officer, you can answer if you can.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: There was no</p> <p>12 information. We had no information that</p> <p>13 entry to the second floor was through the</p> <p>14 rear door.</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal knowledge</p> <p>17 as to whether or not there was any effort by</p> <p>18 anybody associated with the Philadelphia Police</p> <p>19 Department to learn whether the front door or the</p> <p>20 rear door lead to the second floor rear apartment</p> <p>21 prior to Ms. Alvarado's front door being breached?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>23 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I don't know. Yes, I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 of the zeros, 73 defense. And we will mark this</p> <p>2 as 3.</p> <p>3 - - -</p> <p>4 (Whereupon, Exhibit 3 was marked for</p> <p>5 identification.)</p> <p>6 - - -</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Sir, take a moment to review that</p> <p>9 document. And once you have had a chance to</p> <p>10 review it, let me know if you know what that is.</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. What is this?</p> <p>13 A. This is a recon sheet that we always fill</p> <p>14 out on every warrant that we serve.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. And actually, I will add two</p> <p>16 pages. It will still be Exhibit 3, but there's</p> <p>17 two additional pages that I think I should have</p> <p>18 included. But before we do, will you look at</p> <p>19 those and let me know, are those two pages all</p> <p>20 part of the same thing?</p> <p>21 A. So these two would be just like front and</p> <p>22 back. So it would be one document.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. But you're not sure if that third</p> <p>24 page is part of it?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 don't know if there was any other.</p> <p>2 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Is that something you would</p> <p>4 normally know prior to executing a warrant? Would</p> <p>5 you know like what reconnaissance had occurred?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>7 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: The SWAT Unit always</p> <p>9 recons -- does reconnaissance on every</p> <p>10 property that we serve warrants on. And our</p> <p>11 main objective for that is number one, to</p> <p>12 make sure that the property itself does</p> <p>13 exist. To see whether the property is</p> <p>14 marked by saying, you know, that the address</p> <p>15 is on the property. We always make sure</p> <p>16 that there's some form of access or access</p> <p>17 to the rear of the property so that we can</p> <p>18 set up rear containment.</p> <p>19 But yes, the SWAT Unit always does</p> <p>20 recon -- reconnaissance on every property.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. All right. I will mark as Exhibit 3 a</p> <p>23 document produced to us in discovery from the</p> <p>24 defendants Bates stamped 72. I won't add in all</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 A. No. This is --</p> <p>2 Q. All right. Let me have that back then.</p> <p>3 So the two pages there are usually front and back.</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And that -- and that is the document we</p> <p>6 are referring to. Just let us know what this is.</p> <p>7 A. This is our recon sheet. We fill this</p> <p>8 out on every warrant that we serve.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Who actually is responsible for</p> <p>10 completing this document?</p> <p>11 A. We -- we preliminarily put all of this</p> <p>12 information in. All of the boxes are filled out</p> <p>13 by one of the officers. And then everything is</p> <p>14 looked over and approved by a supervisor. He will</p> <p>15 ultimately make changes or, you know, if there is</p> <p>16 something that he doesn't want, you know, on there</p> <p>17 or something he wants added, he will make that</p> <p>18 determination.</p> <p>19 Q. All right. And for this particular</p> <p>20 document, who would have been the person</p> <p>21 responsible?</p> <p>22 A. Sergeant Melody.</p> <p>23 Q. Not Lieutenant Monk?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p>



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1 Q. All right. Do you see anything on this  
2 document that indicates the existence of a rear  
3 door?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: No.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Do you see anything on this document that  
9 indicates that the building in question may have  
10 contained multiple residences?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Other than the  
14 location 4664 Torresdale Avenue (Apartment  
15 second floor rear).

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Right. So you can see that it's an  
18 apartment building, because there's apartment  
19 numbers, right?

20 A. Other than second floor rear.

21 Q. But what I'm saying is you see that  
22 there's an apartment number, so that indicates to  
23 you that the building contained multiple  
24 residences, correct?

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1 A. Yes. It would be safe to say that, yes.

2 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any training  
3 from the Philadelphia Police Department specific  
4 to if you're executing a warrant at a multi  
5 residence building what should be done ahead of  
6 time to determine which portions of the building  
7 were the residences of certain people as opposed  
8 to maybe the suspect that you're going after?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
10 But Officer, you can answer if you can.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 MR. WEST: This is going to be super  
13 annoying, but I think that your attorney is  
14 probably right, that I misworded that  
15 question. I will try to -- I will ask the  
16 same question, but I will ask it in a way  
17 that makes more sense.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. So from all of the training that  
21 you received from the Philadelphia Police  
22 Department, did you ever receive any training that  
23 specifically told you how to determine what  
24 portions of a building belong to various

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1 residences in buildings that were multi residence?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 But Officer, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: Just based off of my  
5 16 plus experience of working in  
6 Philadelphia and not only being assigned to  
7 the SWAT Unit, but in various sections of  
8 the City, a lot of buildings are altered  
9 into different apartments. And then  
10 sometimes those are even altered into  
11 rooming houses.

12 So a lot of times in -- based off of  
13 my experience, I have gone into properties  
14 where you may have a second floor apartment,  
15 but they're sub-rented out to other people.  
16 So you have second floor front, second floor  
17 middle, second floor rear. Where it's, you  
18 know, not legally allowed to be like that.  
19 But that's -- based on my experience, that  
20 is what I have seen in my time, you know, in  
21 policing.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Right. So in fairness, I think you  
24 testified as to what your personal experience was.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. But my question was, the training that  
3 you have received from the Philadelphia Police  
4 Department, did you ever receive any specific  
5 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
6 on this topic?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
8 Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not anyone  
12 reviewed the property records for this property  
13 before the breach?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

15 But Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. For example, I can represent to  
19 you that there is at least some indication in the  
20 records that they knew from the property records  
21 that there was an apartment upstairs and an  
22 apartment downstairs. Did you ever hear anything  
23 about that prior to the door being breached?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.



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1 But Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: No.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. In your experience with the  
 5 Philadelphia Police Department prior to executing  
 6 a warrant at a multi residence building, would  
 7 there normally be an effort to review the property  
 8 records to determine where the various residences  
 9 were located within the building?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 But Officer, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: I think that the  
 13 responsibility would be on the detective  
 14 division and where they obtain their warrant  
 15 for.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Right. So the detective should do that,  
 18 in your experience?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 But Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, they should  
 22 do that.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. In your experience with the Philadelphia

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1 Police Department, is that something that a  
 2 detective normally would do in this situation?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 But Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: I'm not a detective.  
 6 So I don't know if that is standard protocol  
 7 or procedure that they do. But it would be  
 8 reasonable to believe that that is what they  
 9 should do.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. Prior to the door being breached  
 12 in this situation, were there any exigent  
 13 circumstances whatsoever that you're aware of?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Just to give some clarification to the  
 18 question. When I use the term exigent  
 19 circumstances, you know what that means, right?  
 20 A. Sure. Yes.  
 21 Q. Were there an exigent circumstances that  
 22 required any sort of emergency?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 24 But Officer, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: No.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. Philadelphia Police Department  
 4 prior to breaching the door had total control of  
 5 the situation, correct?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 But Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. And this was a preplanned warrant  
 11 enforcement operation, correct?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Did Ms. Alvarado do anything that day  
 14 that you can recall that any officer would have  
 15 reasonably believed created a danger that they had  
 16 to react to?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. Did you hear Ms. Alvarado ask for the  
 19 opportunity to put her dog in its cage prior it  
 20 being shot?  
 21 A. I did not, no.  
 22 Q. Okay. Did you speak with Ms. Alvarado at  
 23 any point?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And please tell me everything that you  
 2 can recall that she said.  
 3 A. I just asked Ms. Alvarado where the entry  
 4 was -- where the steps were. I'm sorry. Where  
 5 the steps were for the second floor. She was  
 6 where I indicated on the map right by the door  
 7 between the living area and -- right by the  
 8 entryway to the kitchen. That is when she told me  
 9 that the entry to the second floor was out back.  
 10 Q. Okay. Other than that conversation, did  
 11 you have any other conversation with Ms. Alvarado  
 12 at any time?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Okay. I kind of covered this before. I  
 15 want to make sure I am not missing anything. In  
 16 all of the preparation that you received for this  
 17 warrant execution, all of the planning instruction  
 18 you got, did anyone at any point say anything  
 19 about the fact that there were other people who  
 20 lived on the first floor of this building?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Did you have any knowledge one way or  
2 another whether or not there was a dog in the  
3 property prior to the door being breached?

4 A. No.

5 Q. All right. I think I might actually be  
6 pretty much done. I guess I was asking --  
7 normally in your experience with the Philadelphia  
8 Police Department, if you're executing a warrant  
9 at a multi resident building, is there normally  
10 any sort of conversation that addresses the fact  
11 that there are people who lived in the building  
12 that are not subject to the warrant?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

14 But Officer, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes. Definitely.

16 Sure. Yes.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge as to  
19 why a conversation of that type didn't take place  
20 this time?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

22 But Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: No, I don't.

24 MR. WEST: Okay.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. In your experience -- strike the  
3 question.

4 So in your time with the SWAT Unit in the  
5 Philadelphia Police Department, have you ever been  
6 in a situation where you have to execute a warrant  
7 in a building where you know that there's a dog  
8 inside?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Like a dog that's barking before you  
11 enter the property. You have been in that  
12 situation before?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. In that situation, did you  
15 ever receive any training of any kind as a member  
16 of the Philadelphia Police Department as to what  
17 you should do with regards to the dog?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: No.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. You have never received any -- have you  
23 ever received any training of any kind as to how  
24 to deal with dogs while executing warrants?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

2 THE WITNESS: All dogs are  
3 different. So some dogs are going to bark.  
4 And some dogs are going to attack. And some  
5 dogs are going to sit there and you know,  
6 just kind of look at you. So I think to  
7 answer your question, it's kind of -- it  
8 varies, you know. But our tactics never  
9 change.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Sir, I understand that dogs are  
12 different. But my question -- I want to make sure  
13 you understand it -- was did you receive any  
14 specific training from the Philadelphia Police  
15 Department on that topic?

16 A. No.

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

18 But Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. For example, if you were planning on  
22 executing a warrant on a door that you thought  
23 maybe led to a common area but you weren't sure  
24 and you could hear that there was dog barking on

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1 the other side of the door, would your training  
2 tell you that you should take any sort of  
3 precaution so that the dog isn't frightened  
4 because someone is smashing in the front door and  
5 that might lead to an incident? Any kind of  
6 training like that?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

8 Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: There's no way of  
10 knowing how the dog is going to react. If  
11 it's barking, it's barking. We don't have  
12 dog treats or anything to try and, you know,  
13 make the dog go to a different area or try  
14 and lead the dog away from the entry team on  
15 the property, so no.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. So based on your training and years of  
18 experience with the Philadelphia SWAT Unit, it's  
19 your understanding that if there is a dog barking  
20 at a front door and a bunch of people smash in the  
21 door and come running in, the reaction of that dog  
22 is entirely unforeseeable?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

24 THE WITNESS: Correct.

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1 MR. WEST: Okay. I have no further  
2 questions. Thank you very much for your  
3 time.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, thank you.

5 MR. WEST: I wish we met on other --  
6 on another occasion, but thank you for  
7 coming in.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, no problem.

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, I have  
10 just a few follow-up questions for you and  
11 then we can wrap up.

12 MR. WEST: Oh, I'm sorry.

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: It's okay. It will  
14 be very brief.

15 MR. WEST: Sometimes Defense Counsel  
16 won't ask questions. He is certainly  
17 entitled.

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: It will be very  
19 brief, I promise.

20 - - -

21 EXAMINATION

22 - - -

23 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

24 Q. Officer, I just want to clarify.

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1 door.

2 Q. Do you recall, sir, what was -- what the  
3 front door looked like?

4 A. If I recall, it was just a basic metal  
5 front door. If there were anything on the actual  
6 door, I don't recall.

7 Q. Okay. And you testified earlier that you  
8 recall seeing the two mailboxes that are just to  
9 the left of the door; is that correct, sir?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Is there anything else that  
12 indicated to you that this front door entry was an  
13 exclusive entry to a first floor property?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. And then, sir, I just want to ask  
16 you with regards to dog encounters. What is your  
17 understanding of when you can use force against a  
18 dog?

19 A. If the dog poses serious bodily injury.

20 Q. So it's your understanding that you  
21 cannot use force on a dog that poses no threat?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay. That's the only questions I have.

24 MR. WEST: I just have a follow-up.

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1 Plaintiff's Counsel asked you during your  
2 deposition whether you saw the knocking on the  
3 front door. And I believe your testimony was that  
4 you did not see the knocking on the front door  
5 before breach to Ms. Alvarado's apartment; is that  
6 correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. I just want to clarify, did you hear a  
9 knock and announce?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I want to direct your attention, Officer,  
12 to what was marked I believe Exhibit 2. That is  
13 the photograph. Can you take a look at that  
14 again, Officer?

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. And I believe you testified that it's the  
17 tan house that is the third from the right side  
18 that is Ms. Alvarado's property, is that correct,  
19 sir?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And can you see -- when you look at this  
22 picture, can you see anything on the front door  
23 from this picture?

24 A. From this picture I can't see the front

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1 THE WITNESS: Sure.

2 - - -

3 EXAMINATION

4 - - -

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Sir, I believe when Defense Counsel asked  
7 you questions, you said you heard the knock and  
8 announce?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. How long was it between when you  
11 heard the knock and announce and when the door was  
12 breached?

13 A. I think I had answered this before. I  
14 don't recall. Because I wasn't watching a time  
15 watch or anything. So I don't really recall the  
16 time from the knock to the breach. It would have  
17 just been under Lieutenant Monk's order to breach  
18 the door. So I don't really remember the  
19 timeframe.

20 Q. Do you believe it may have been less than  
21 30 seconds?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: It could have been,

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1 yes.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. Who did the knock and announce?  
 4 A. It would have been Officer Murray and  
 5 Officer Clark. They were our breachers.  
 6 Q. Do you specifically recall them doing it  
 7 or do you think that is what they normally would  
 8 have done?  
 9 A. No. We knock and announce on every  
 10 property.  
 11 Q. I understand. What I am saying is, do  
 12 you actually specifically recall them doing it?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Okay. And what exactly did they say?  
 15 A. We always knock. At the same time we are  
 16 knocking we say police with a warrant.  
 17 Q. I want to make sure you understand my  
 18 question, sir. I am not asking what you normally  
 19 do. I am saying do you actually specifically  
 20 recall? And if so, what do you specifically  
 21 recall?  
 22 A. Police with a warrant.  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 Officer, you can answer.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. What was it?  
 3 A. Police with a warrant.  
 4 Q. Okay. Police with a warrant. Did you  
 5 hear anything else said before the door got  
 6 breached?  
 7 A. Other than Lieutenant Monk saying breach,  
 8 no.  
 9 Q. Okay. Sir, I will represent to you that  
 10 there actually is surveillance footage of this  
 11 incident. It seems to indicate there's maybe two  
 12 seconds that pass.  
 13 A. Okay.  
 14 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge to  
 15 contradict that?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 But Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 18 THE WITNESS: No.  
 19 MR. WEST: All right, sir. Thank  
 20 you very much for your time.  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: All right. Thank  
 22 you, sir.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Thank you.  
 24 VIDEO OPERATOR: Ending the

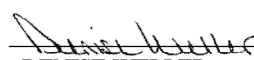
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 4 at 11:01 a.m.)  
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# EXHIBIT “H”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
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1 Q. Do you pronounce your last name  
2 Quintana?  
3 A. Quintana, yes.  
4 Q. Officer Quintana, thanks for coming  
5 in this morning. My name is Keith West and I'm  
6 one of the attorneys who represents the plaintiff  
7 in this case. It's Ms. Alvarado. Okay?  
8 A. Okay.  
9 Q. I think you've been through a  
10 deposition before; is that correct?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. How many times have you been  
13 deposed?  
14 A. Maybe three times in like 20 years.  
15 Q. In 20 years?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. So I'm sure you're already pretty  
18 much familiar with the process. I just have a  
19 couple of preliminary questions we have to ask  
20 everybody and I'll just lay out a few things, so  
21 you understand how this will work and we won't  
22 take too much of your time, I don't think.  
23 A. Okay.  
24 Q. In many ways this is similar to a

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1 normal conversation. The difference of course is  
2 that our court reporter needs to write everything  
3 down. So we have to be careful that we never  
4 speak at the same time and all of our responses  
5 have to be verbal. She can't write down nods of  
6 the head and that kind of thing. So all our  
7 responses have to be spoken clearly and we're not  
8 gonna speak at the same time. Okay, sir?  
9 A. Okay.  
10 Q. Also this is not intended to be an  
11 unnecessarily uncomfortable or inconvenient  
12 process. If you need to take a break at any  
13 point, you want to grab a glass of water or  
14 something like that, just let us know. Okay?  
15 A. Okay.  
16 Q. Are you under the influence of any  
17 sort of medication, substance, illness, anything  
18 that would impair your ability to testify  
19 truthfully today?  
20 A. I am not.  
21 Q. You've had a chance to confer with  
22 your attorney and you're prepared to go forward  
23 with today's deposition, correct?  
24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. I'm sure your attorney has already  
2 let you know your only obligation today is to give  
3 truthful testimony based on your personal  
4 knowledge. So just to be clear, as an  
5 introductory instruction, I'm not gonna ask you to  
6 guess or speculate at any time. Okay, sir?  
7 A. Okay.  
8 Q. On the other hand, if you have  
9 partial information, we would like to know that  
10 because we want to know everything that you know.  
11 If you can give us an estimate or an  
12 approximation, please do so. Just let us know  
13 that you are in fact giving an estimate or an  
14 approximation. Okay, sir?  
15 A. Okay.  
16 Q. So Officer Quintana, are you a  
17 member of the SWAT Unit of the City of  
18 Philadelphia Police Department?  
19 A. Yes, I am.  
20 Q. How long have you been a member of  
21 the SWAT unit?  
22 A. Since January of 2002.  
23 Q. So you're at over 20 years at this  
24 point, correct?

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1 A. Correct.  
2 Q. Now, our case involves an incident  
3 that happened back in June 2021 at Ms. Alvarado's  
4 house. Do you recall this incident?  
5 A. I do.  
6 Q. I'm gonna ask you a broad general  
7 question, you know, and maybe we'll save some  
8 time. Can you tell me everything you can remember  
9 about that incident?  
10 A. I remember that I was working with  
11 Officer Miguel Rivera, R-I-V-E-R-A. For some  
12 reason, I can't remember his badge number off the  
13 top of my head, but we were assigned to rear  
14 containment for a warrant we were serving at the  
15 -- at your client's address. And we arrived and  
16 Officer Rivera and I went to the rear of the  
17 property, which was -- it had a common driveway  
18 and it had a small yard that was fenced in with a  
19 four-foot fence and the rear door was facing to  
20 our right. In other words, it didn't -- we  
21 couldn't see directly into the rear door because  
22 it had steps that came in on the side.  
23 So at that point, we let the team  
24 know that we were on location and after a few

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1 seconds, at some point the -- we could hear the  
2 door was breached and after a few seconds, we  
3 heard -- well, I heard one gunshot and I remember  
4 as they were knocking, just as they were knocking,  
5 or just after, an older black male and black  
6 female came to the second floor rear window and  
7 were -- it looked like they were trying to get my  
8 attention. So I told them -- I kind of gave them  
9 the signal to hold on and I let the team know that  
10 there was a black female and older black male at  
11 the second floor rear window.

12 At that point, I think -- I forget  
13 the timeline, if it was just after or just before  
14 the discharge. At that point, I signaled them to  
15 come down. I let the team know that they were  
16 there and I signaled them to come downstairs and  
17 they exited from the rear door and I had them  
18 standby inside the fenced in yard until the team  
19 at some point came around and made entry into the  
20 rear of the property from that back door.

21 Q. Okay, sir. So the back door that  
22 you've described, there was like a cul-de-sac --  
23 it was like on a cul-de-sac, correct?

24 A. The back door, it was a common

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1 driveway.

2 Q. Right. Could you describe the  
3 driveway?

4 A. So we came in from -- it would be  
5 to my left. We entered the driveway from there  
6 and then kind of like parked our truck -- I think  
7 we were on the street actually at the entrance to  
8 that driveway and it was just a large opening and  
9 you could see pretty much -- I would say, from our  
10 vantage point, maybe the rear of about eight or  
11 nine of these houses.

12 Q. Right. So there's I think a large  
13 driveway that encompassed an area of at least  
14 eight buildings, correct?

15 A. Yes, the rear of these houses.

16 Q. And you were able to park your  
17 truck back there?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't remember if  
21 we parked our truck. I want to say we  
22 were on the -- we left our truck on the  
23 street. I can't remember exactly.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. I apologize, sir. I'm not trying  
2 to put words in your mouth. I misunderstood. I  
3 thought you said that you did park back there. So  
4 just to be clear, I'm not trying to put words in  
5 your mouth.

6 All right, sir. So this driveway  
7 area where you were in the rear of the building,  
8 would that have been, in your experience, enough  
9 room for a SWAT Unit to have stationed an entry  
10 team?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
12 but Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: There's plenty of  
14 room back there.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. There's plenty of room. If the  
17 SWAT Unit had wanted to enter through the rear  
18 door, there was plenty of room in that rear  
19 driveway area, correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
21 form. Sir, you can answer.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. What was your answer to the last  
24 question, sir?

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1 A. That was correct.

2 Q. Now, before you got to the  
3 property, had you gotten any instructions as to  
4 what kind of property you were going to that day?

5 A. That would have been on like a  
6 reconnaissance sheet. So I can give you my  
7 experience as to what kind of a description that  
8 would have had, but I don't remember off the top  
9 of my head, without seeing the reconnaissance  
10 sheet, exactly what was written on that date.

11 Q. Right. Sir, just to remind you of  
12 an instruction we gave at the beginning. We're  
13 just asking based on what you personally know. So  
14 I'm not gonna ask you to guess or speculate or  
15 tell me what you think would normally happen, just  
16 what you specifically can recall now.

17 In addition to the reconnaissance  
18 sheet that you referred to, would you have  
19 received any sort of verbal instruction or  
20 guidance prior to the operation as to what to  
21 expect?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
23 but Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Only if -- that would

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1 only happen if we had additional  
 2 information besides what would be on  
 3 that sheet. It would be something more  
 4 in the sense that what kind of  
 5 difficulties we would have getting to  
 6 that rear.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. For example, was there any sort of  
 9 briefing done prior to you getting to the site?  
 10 A. Yes. We had briefed at our  
 11 headquarters prior to that.  
 12 Q. And who did the briefing for this  
 13 operation?  
 14 A. I can't recall. I think it was --  
 15 that would be the sergeant. I don't know why I'm  
 16 drawing a blank on his name. I haven't been at  
 17 work for a few months, so bear with me.  
 18 Q. Do you think it might have been  
 19 Sergeant Mellody?  
 20 A. That's it, Sergeant Kevin Mellody.  
 21 Q. Just a follow-up. You mentioned  
 22 you haven't been at work for a few months. May I  
 23 ask why that is?  
 24 A. I was shot through my leg in

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1 October.  
 2 Q. Okay. I'm sorry to hear that, sir.  
 3 So do you recall anything that Sergeant Mellody,  
 4 or anyone else who did the briefing, said prior to  
 5 this operation about what to expect?  
 6 A. Nothing in particular stands out,  
 7 no.  
 8 Q. Were you informed that this warrant  
 9 was going to be executed at an apartment building?  
 10 A. No. There was no discussion about  
 11 it being an apartment.  
 12 Q. Was there any explanation as to  
 13 what kind of building it was?  
 14 A. A two-story property with a rear  
 15 driveway. Nothing else in particular. Just a  
 16 description of how we would get to the rear.  
 17 Q. Did you know what the warrant  
 18 specifically was for, what area specifically the  
 19 warrant applied to?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 22 THE WITNESS: What area in what  
 23 sense? What do you mean?  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. So for example, is it your  
 2 understanding that the warrant applied to the  
 3 entire building?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Based on the briefing that you  
 8 received, your understanding was the warrant was a  
 9 search warrant that applied to the entire  
 10 building, correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
 12 but Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. It was a  
 14 warrant for the house.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. I think you testified earlier that  
 17 you could hear over the radio that at some point  
 18 an order was given to breach the property; is that  
 19 correct?  
 20 A. Not over the radio. I could hear  
 21 it from the rear.  
 22 Q. So from your position in the rear  
 23 of the building, you could actually hear someone  
 24 yell breach?

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1 A. No. I could hear when they knock  
 2 and announce and then I could hear the actual  
 3 breach, like a ram hitting a door.  
 4 Q. So when the ramp hit the door, that  
 5 was loud enough that you could actually hear it  
 6 hit the door from the rear of the building?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. And you said you could hear the  
 9 knock and announce?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. How much time passed between the  
 12 knock and the door being breached?  
 13 A. I don't recall. Anywhere from 30  
 14 seconds to a minute.  
 15 Q. When you say anywhere between 30  
 16 seconds and a minute, what's your basis for that?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Based on what I  
 20 remember between the knock and announce,  
 21 the screams, you know, the officer  
 22 screaming they were serving a warrant,  
 23 and then based on the time that I could  
 24 hear the door get breached and then



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1 more or less the time between that and  
2 the one gunshot, that was maybe a  
3 minute, minute and a half.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. I'm sorry. What was a minute to a  
6 minute and a half?

7 A. Between the initial knock and  
8 announce and the gunshot.

9 Q. Are you familiar with something  
10 called the knock and announce rule?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is the knock and announce  
13 rule?

14 A. When you announce that you're  
15 serving a warrant, you're supposed to give about  
16 30 seconds to a minute before you breach the  
17 property.

18 Q. Is that the training that you  
19 received from the Philadelphia Police Department  
20 that, pursuant to the knock and announce rule, you  
21 should allow at least 30 to 60 seconds between  
22 knocking on a property prior to attempting to  
23 breach the property?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,

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1 called the knock and announce rule that requires  
2 you to allow at least 30 to 60 seconds between  
3 knocking on a front door and attempting to breach  
4 the property, correct?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

6 Sir, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Now, when you say that there was 30  
10 to 60 seconds that passed in this case between the  
11 knock and announce and the breach, is that based  
12 on your specific memory of this incident, or just  
13 what you assume would have happened because that's  
14 what normally would happen?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
16 but Officer, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: It's based on my  
18 memory.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Sir, have you had a chance to view  
21 the surveillance footage of the breach in this  
22 incident?

23 A. No, I have not.

24 Q. Would you be surprised to learn

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1 but Officer, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. And where did you receive that  
5 training?

6 A. Every year, pretty much whenever  
7 anything changes, MPO, legal updates, and any time  
8 there's new case law released, we're given that  
9 information.

10 Q. What does MPO?

11 A. Municipal police officers  
12 training.

13 Q. And who does the municipal police  
14 officer training?

15 A. That is state mandated and it's  
16 given by instructors at the police academy.

17 Q. And is this training that you're  
18 required to receive on a yearly basis?

19 A. Yes, or more frequent than that.

20 Q. At least a yearly basis, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So it's your testimony that at  
23 least once a year you and the other members of the  
24 SWAT Unit are informed that there's something

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1 that the surveillance footage would indicate there  
2 was about two seconds?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

4 Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Between  
6 the knock and announce and the breach?

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Actually really between officers  
9 arriving at the front door and the door being  
10 breached. I also can represent to you that  
11 Lieutenant Monk has testified in this case already  
12 that he did not follow the knock and announce  
13 rule. Would that surprise you?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Misstating testimony, but Officer  
16 Quintana, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: That would surprise  
18 me, yes.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Do you think that possibly the rule  
21 that people should allow at least -- strike the  
22 question. I apologize. I mis-worded it.

23 Do you think it's possible that  
24 your experience that officers should allow at

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 least 30 to 60 seconds under the knock and</p> <p>2 announce rule has be so routine in your</p> <p>3 experience, something you've experienced so many</p> <p>4 times, that you may remember this incident as a</p> <p>5 time where that rule was followed because you've</p> <p>6 seen it followed so many times?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>8 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I was going by my</p> <p>10 memory from being in the rear and</p> <p>11 listening to radio communication as to</p> <p>12 when they arrived. It's just based on</p> <p>13 my memory.</p> <p>14 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. Did you keep any sort of</p> <p>16 contemporaneous notes?</p> <p>17 A. I did not.</p> <p>18 Q. Did you create any sort of audio or</p> <p>19 visual recording?</p> <p>20 A. I did not.</p> <p>21 Q. Are you aware of -- did you wear a</p> <p>22 body cam?</p> <p>23 A. I did not.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you believe that any of the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 done to prepare for today's testimony. So could</p> <p>2 you just tell me what document you reviewed, but</p> <p>3 again, don't -- I'm not asking you to volunteer</p> <p>4 any information about what you were told from the</p> <p>5 attorney or what you told the attorney?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Do you understand</p> <p>7 that question that he's asking you,</p> <p>8 Officer?</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I believe so.</p> <p>10 MR. WEST: I'm gonna just ask a</p> <p>11 clean question so we create a better</p> <p>12 record.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Could you just tell me what</p> <p>15 document you did review in anticipation for</p> <p>16 today's testimony?</p> <p>17 A. It was a document with a very brief</p> <p>18 description of the incident and there was a</p> <p>19 statement that I had made to the Officer Involved</p> <p>20 Shooting Investigation Team.</p> <p>21 Q. So did you review the statement</p> <p>22 that you gave to Internal Affairs prior to today's</p> <p>23 testimony?</p> <p>24 A. No. That was the -- what I looked</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 officers on the scene were wearing body cams?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>3 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: In our SWAT Unit</p> <p>5 officers, no. Maybe the 15th District</p> <p>6 officers that were there.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. But do you personally have any</p> <p>9 knowledge if they were?</p> <p>10 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>11 Q. Sir, I can represent to you that</p> <p>12 the surveillance footage I referred to before was</p> <p>13 from a neighboring property. Other than that, are</p> <p>14 you aware of any audio or video recording that was</p> <p>15 made of this incident?</p> <p>16 A. I do not know.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you review any documents or</p> <p>18 anything else to prepare for today's testimony?</p> <p>19 A. I reviewed one document sent to me</p> <p>20 from I guess it would be Mr. Zurbriggen.</p> <p>21 Q. Sir, just to be clear, I'm not</p> <p>22 gonna ask you any questions about what your</p> <p>23 attorney said to you or what you said to your</p> <p>24 attorney. I am allowed to just know what you've</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 at was the interview at the Officer Involved</p> <p>2 Shooting Investigation Unit.</p> <p>3 Q. And you reviewed some sort of</p> <p>4 written description of the incident, correct?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Did the written description that</p> <p>7 you read, did that read that the knock and</p> <p>8 announce rule had been followed?</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,</p> <p>10 but Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: I did not see that,</p> <p>12 no.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Did the written description that</p> <p>15 you saw make any reference to the knock and</p> <p>16 announce rule?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,</p> <p>18 but Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>19 MR. WEST: And to be clear, if it's</p> <p>20 a privileged document -- are you</p> <p>21 asserting that privilege or is it just</p> <p>22 something -- I just want to be clear.</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm not asserting</p> <p>24 any privilege. I'm just objecting to</p>

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1 the form of the question.  
 2 MR. WEST: That's fine.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. So the document that you reviewed,  
 5 did it make any reference to the knock and  
 6 announce rule?  
 7 A. It did not.  
 8 Q. Prior to arriving at the property,  
 9 did you know whether or not there was a rear door?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. What were you told about the -- how  
 12 did you know there was a rear door?  
 13 A. Based on the description given  
 14 during the reconnaissance and on the  
 15 reconnaissance sheet.  
 16 Q. And what were you told about the  
 17 rear door prior to the operation?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Not much. Just that  
 21 it was accessible from the rear  
 22 driveway, the view of the rear,  
 23 including the rear door. Nothing else  
 24 in particular about it.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Do you know why the entry team  
 3 attempted to enter the property through the front  
 4 door, rather than the rear door?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
 6 but Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Based on the way it  
 8 looks and based on the way the rear  
 9 looks, it looks like a regular row home.  
 10 So normally on a regular home, we would  
 11 enter through the front door.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Why?  
 14 A. Why? I'm sorry. You said Why?  
 15 Q. Yeah.  
 16 A. Just based on that, because the  
 17 easiest access point is through the front door.  
 18 Q. Sir, have you ever received any  
 19 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
 20 about how to enforce a warrant at a multi  
 21 residence building?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
 23 but Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 24 THE WITNESS: How to enforce a

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1 warrant in multi -- based on my  
 2 experience, if there is knowledge that  
 3 it is an apartment building, then the  
 4 warrant should and normally would  
 5 specify that there is an apartment  
 6 number and what the apartment number  
 7 would be.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. And in this incident, did  
 10 the warrant specify -- strike the question.  
 11 In this incident, did the warrant  
 12 specify a specific apartment number?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 You can answer, if you can.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I did  
 16 not see the warrant.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. But you did get a briefing  
 19 prior to the operation?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 Q. And during that briefing, did you  
 22 learn one way or another whether or not the  
 23 warrant specified a specific apartment number?  
 24 A. It did not specify a specific

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1 apartment.  
 2 Q. The suspect for whom the warrant  
 3 applied -- strike the question.  
 4 The suspect for whom the warrant  
 5 was valid, did you have any knowledge whether or  
 6 not that person's residence was accessible through  
 7 the front door or the rear door?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 9 Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I can only state what  
 11 the reconnaissance sheet stated and it  
 12 stated it was a row home.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Do you actually recall if the  
 15 reconnaissance sheet specifically said row home on  
 16 it?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Based on the actual  
 20 word, the phrase, row home, off the top  
 21 of my head, no.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Have you ever heard of a row home  
 24 where the building might be divided into different

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1 apartments accessible through different doors;  
 2 have you ever heard of anything like that?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. So prior to June 2021, you knew,  
 8 even in a row home, all of the apartments in that  
 9 building might not be accessible through the front  
 10 door, correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. And how did you know that?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: You're asking how do  
 19 I know that row homes can be divided  
 20 into apartments?  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Right. I'm just saying -- you've  
 23 testified a moment ago that even before June 2021,  
 24 you were perfectly aware that in a multi residence

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1 row home type building, the front door might not  
 2 provide access to all of the apartments in the  
 3 building. I'm just wondering how did you gain  
 4 that information?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Officer, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: That's based on my  
 8 experience with other recons, other  
 9 warrants that we've served in the past.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. So based on this experience that  
 12 you're referring to, if the warrant in question  
 13 actually referred specifically and exclusively to  
 14 apartment two on the second floor rear, would you  
 15 have at least considered the possibility that the  
 16 front door might not lead to the second floor rear  
 17 apartment?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: You're asking me to  
 21 speculate whether or not I would know  
 22 that in an apartment a door may not lead  
 23 to it?  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Sir, to be clear, I'm not asking  
 2 you to speculate. I'm asking based on the  
 3 training that you've received as a member of the  
 4 SWAT Unit. Let me lay a foundation. I think  
 5 you've already alluded to this, but just to lay a  
 6 foundation.  
 7 As part of your role with the SWAT  
 8 Unit for the Philadelphia Police Department, have  
 9 you personally been responsible for conducting  
 10 reconnaissance prior to warrant enforcement  
 11 operations?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. As far as you're aware, have you  
 14 received all of the training available to a member  
 15 of the SWAT Unit to prepare them to do  
 16 reconnaissance on a warrant enforcement operation?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. So far as you're aware, have you  
 22 been informed of all of the policies and  
 23 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department  
 24 that apply to the SWAT Unit?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 2 Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. So with that background in mind and  
 6 the personal experience you've already referred  
 7 to, if you were tasked with doing a reconnaissance  
 8 on a multi residence apartment building, where the  
 9 warrant specified that it only applied to the  
 10 apartment number two, second floor rear, and you  
 11 knew that there was a rear door and you knew that  
 12 there was a front door to the building, would you  
 13 at least consider the possibility that the front  
 14 door did not provide entrance to the second floor  
 15 rear apartment?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would consider  
 19 that.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. So would you try to get additional  
 22 information, in that situation, prior to sending  
 23 out the SWAT Unit to do a warrant enforcement  
 24 operation?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>2 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. And what steps would you take to</p> <p>6 try to gain additional information?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>8 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: If I have access to</p> <p>10 that information, I'd probably look up</p> <p>11 like a city database and find out</p> <p>12 exactly what type of dwelling it is.</p> <p>13 Ask the detectives to possibly set up a</p> <p>14 surveillance to see if they make a</p> <p>15 determination, based on the</p> <p>16 surveillance, what entrance to use</p> <p>17 specifically for something like that.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. How about would you consider</p> <p>20 contacting the property manager or the property</p> <p>21 owner?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>23 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Usually that's not a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 could you have sent in an entry team of SWAT Unit</p> <p>2 officers to breach that front door in order to</p> <p>3 gain access to apartment two on second floor rear?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>5 Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Based on what makes</p> <p>7 sense, if you're given the information</p> <p>8 that that front door leads directly into</p> <p>9 the actual apartment, as opposed to,</p> <p>10 also in our experience, that front door</p> <p>11 may lead to a set of stairs that go to a</p> <p>12 second floor apartment, but if the</p> <p>13 information that you're given says that</p> <p>14 that front door leads directly into say</p> <p>15 the living room of that first floor</p> <p>16 apartment, then it makes sense that the</p> <p>17 entrance to the second apartment is</p> <p>18 somewhere else.</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. Thanks for you testimony,</p> <p>21 sir. I just want to bring you back though to the</p> <p>22 exact question that I asked. Really this is a</p> <p>23 question of your understanding of the policies and</p> <p>24 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 good idea based on the sensitivity of</p> <p>2 the information.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. If you had conducted a</p> <p>5 surveillance operation or actually ordered a</p> <p>6 surveillance operation to be conducted, or asked</p> <p>7 for one to be conducted, and that had revealed</p> <p>8 that the door to the first floor led directly into</p> <p>9 a first floor apartment, would that be enough</p> <p>10 information for you to understand that the first</p> <p>11 floor apartment provided direct entry to an</p> <p>12 apartment or a residence that was not the second</p> <p>13 floor rear apartment?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>15 Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: If I knew in fact</p> <p>17 that very detailed information, yes.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Now, if you know that, if you knew</p> <p>20 that the front door, if you open that door, you're</p> <p>21 walking directly into an apartment or a residence</p> <p>22 which is not the second floor rear apartment,</p> <p>23 based on your understanding of the policies and</p> <p>24 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 If you knew that that first floor</p> <p>2 door led directly into the living room of</p> <p>3 apartment one on the first floor, would it have</p> <p>4 been permissible under the Philadelphia policies</p> <p>5 and procedures to have breached that front door in</p> <p>6 an effort to gain access to apartment two rear on</p> <p>7 the second floor?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>9 Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: No, I would not</p> <p>11 breach that front door based on that</p> <p>12 information.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Based on your training with the</p> <p>15 Philadelphia Police Department, did you understand</p> <p>16 that it actually would have been illegal to have</p> <p>17 entered the other residence, the apartment number</p> <p>18 one, without a warrant that applied to apartment</p> <p>19 number one?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>21 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. So based on the training that you</p>

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1 received, are these the sort of things that the  
2 Reconnaissance Unit should try to figure out  
3 before they do a warrant enforcement, what doors  
4 lead where?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
6 Officer, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: If the information  
8 based on the recon is clear, then yes,  
9 you definitely give that information.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Right, but I'm asking is this the  
12 sort of thing that the reconnaissance is for, to  
13 try to figure out these sort of issues ahead of  
14 time?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Just because we're speaking at the  
19 same time, your answer was yes, correct, sir?

20 A. Correct, yes.

21 Q. In your time with the Philadelphia  
22 Police Department, have you ever received any  
23 training as to how to handle an encounter with a  
24 dog if you are entering a residence?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. And where did you receive that  
6 training?

7 A. Part of it is SWAT training, part  
8 of it is experience, and the other part is based  
9 on directives, use of force.

10 Q. So your recollection is that as  
11 part of being a member of the SWAT Unit, you  
12 received specific training with regards to how to  
13 handle interactions with dogs, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Correct.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. And is it your testimony that as of  
19 June 2021, you were aware of the existence of a  
20 directive from the Philadelphia Police Department  
21 which addressed dog interactions?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Which

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1 direct what?

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. This is a new question. Prior to  
4 June 2021, were there any directives from the  
5 Philadelphia Police Department pertaining to dog  
6 encounters, to your knowledge?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And how did you gain that  
9 knowledge?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
11 Officer, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: In regards to the  
13 directive, from reading the directive.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Right. How did you do that? How  
16 did the existence of this directive come to your  
17 attention?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Whenever there's any  
21 changes, we're updated on changes, and  
22 also just from reading it on my own.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. I know this question might

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1 seem really obvious because it's your world and  
2 you're dealing with it all the time, but could you  
3 just explain to us mechanically how do you  
4 physically became aware of an update in the  
5 directives?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Every time there are  
9 changes to directives, for whatever  
10 reason, we're physically handed a new  
11 copy of it and also we've actually gone  
12 over it, if it specifically pertains to  
13 us.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. So it's your experience, as a  
16 member of the SWAT Unit now for over 20 years,  
17 that every time the Philadelphia Police Department  
18 implements a new directive, at least one relevant  
19 to what you guys are doing, a copy of that  
20 directive is physically handed to every member of  
21 the SWAT Unit and everybody on the SWAT Unit is  
22 supposed to go over the contents thereof together,  
23 correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Your answer was yes, right?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. If we have deposed a bunch of</p> <p>7 officers in this case who deny being aware of the</p> <p>8 existence of a relevant directive, do you have any</p> <p>9 personal knowledge of how they might not have</p> <p>10 known that?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>12 It was misstating testimony. Officer,</p> <p>13 you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: If they're not aware</p> <p>15 of it, there may have been a delay from</p> <p>16 the time that directed was issued to the</p> <p>17 time that they were given that</p> <p>18 information.</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Now, to your recollection, does the</p> <p>21 directive from the Philadelphia Police Department,</p> <p>22 pertaining to dog encounters, give any sort of</p> <p>23 guidance as to what an officer can do to avoid a</p> <p>24 lethal encounter if they believe that they're</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 never seen a police officer use a</p> <p>2 muzzle. We don't have equipment such as</p> <p>3 a muzzle for a dog.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Do you recall if muzzles are</p> <p>6 referred to in the directive?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. Do you recall if batons are</p> <p>11 referred to in the directive?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>13 Officer.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Against a dog attack,</p> <p>15 I don't recall that.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. In any case, prior to June 2021,</p> <p>18 you were aware of the fact that the Philadelphia</p> <p>19 Police Department had provided guidance that if a</p> <p>20 member of the SWAT Unit knew they were likely to</p> <p>21 encounter a dog, they should consider having tools</p> <p>22 ready that could be used to avoid a fatal</p> <p>23 encounter, correct?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 gonna have an interaction with the dog?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>3 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: You're asking based</p> <p>5 on the directive?</p> <p>6 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>7 Q. Right. Does the directive say</p> <p>8 anything about certain tools that officers should</p> <p>9 use to avoid having a lethal encounter with the</p> <p>10 dog?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Recently the</p> <p>13 directive stated that you can actually</p> <p>14 taser, use a taser, to prevent a dog</p> <p>15 attack. You can also use your pepper</p> <p>16 spray to deter a dog from attacking.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. And isn't it also true that the</p> <p>19 directive refers to muzzles as a tool that could</p> <p>20 be used?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I've never seen that.</p> <p>24 I've seen dog nooses on that, but I've</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: If it is immediately</p> <p>3 known prior to, then yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Prior to Ms. Alvarado's front door</p> <p>6 being breached, did you know whether or not there</p> <p>7 was a dog inside that house?</p> <p>8 A. I did not know.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you know if anybody knew?</p> <p>10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>11 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I don't.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. In your experience, if the SWAT</p> <p>15 Unit is enforcing a warrant and they hear a dog</p> <p>16 barking inside the property, would that create an</p> <p>17 exception to the knock and announce rule, where</p> <p>18 the police officer would no longer be required to</p> <p>19 wait 30 to 60 seconds after knocking because</p> <p>20 there's a dog barking?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: At some point it goes</p> <p>24 into officer's safety and how much time</p>



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1 you're gonna give the person inside, you  
 2 know, the suspect on the warrant. You  
 3 have to, at some point, take officer  
 4 safety into consideration as to how much  
 5 time you're gonna take.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Right, I understand that. I'm  
 8 trying to figure out whether or not, in your  
 9 experience, the existence of a dog barking inside  
 10 the property would create some sort of exception  
 11 to the knock and announce rule?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 13 Officer, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: No, it doesn't change  
 15 that.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. You've never heard anything about  
 18 that in your training, correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. That you don't have to wait after  
 22 knocking because there's a dog barking?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 24 THE WITNESS: I've never heard

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1 that.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Actually, in your experience, if  
 4 you're planning to do a warrant enforcement  
 5 operation and there are no exigent circumstances,  
 6 if you can hear that there's a dog barking inside  
 7 the property, that would slow you down a little  
 8 bit, so that you can get out non-lethal tools and  
 9 try to have some sort of plan for handling the  
 10 dog, correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: The issue with that  
 14 is that our warrant basically is not for  
 15 the dog. It's for the dangerous person  
 16 inside that property. So a dog takes a  
 17 second seat, I guess you could say, to  
 18 the danger that that person inside can  
 19 pose to our team.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. In your experience with the  
 22 Philadelphia Police Department, if you're planning  
 23 on enforcing a warrant at a residence and you know  
 24 that there's a barking dog inside the residence,

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1 should you create some sort of plan to try to  
 2 handle the dog in a non-lethal manner?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, it could be  
 6 brought up that someone should keep  
 7 maybe an MK9 pepper spray, which is a  
 8 larger canister of pepper spray, and if  
 9 they can, in that situation, when the  
 10 property is breached, get to that dog in  
 11 some way without creating a dangerous  
 12 situation for the team entering, then  
 13 yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Sir, in a situation in which there  
 16 are no exigent circumstances, if you were planning  
 17 on entering a residence and you know that there  
 18 was a barking dog near the door, would you  
 19 consider contacting Animal Control prior to  
 20 entering the property?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: In a high risk  
 24 warrant, the exigent circumstances are

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1 already there. It's understood based on  
 2 that because we're serving a high risk  
 3 warrant.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Could you elaborate what you mean  
 6 by that?  
 7 A. Sure. The reason why the SWAT Unit  
 8 is used is because it's a high risk warrant.  
 9 That means that the person that the warrant is for  
 10 is armed and dangerous, has committed a violent  
 11 crime, and poses a danger to a person who would be  
 12 let's say non SWAT, such as uniform personnel.  
 13 That person inside the property would pose an  
 14 immediate danger to anyone else that does not have  
 15 the kind of equipment that we do.  
 16 Q. All right, sir. So in your  
 17 experience, if the SWAT Unit is enforcing a  
 18 warrant at someone's residence, there's already a  
 19 built in presumption that the person inside of  
 20 that residence poses an immediate danger, correct?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. So doesn't that make it all the

1 more important for the reconnaissance team to make  
2 sure that they're sending the SWAT unit into the  
3 right person's house before there's a breaching  
4 action?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
6 Officer, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Did you ever have any encounter  
10 with Ms. Alvarado at any point?

11 A. I did not.

12 Q. Did you at any point enter her  
13 residence?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. Did you ever hear Lieutenant Monk  
16 say anything about this incident at any time, in  
17 any capacity?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
19 but Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. Not  
21 to me directly.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Did you ever hear Sergeant Mellody  
24 say anything about this incident in any capacity?

1 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. If Sergeant Mellody had been the  
4 person responsible for reconnaissance, did it  
5 appear to you that he was trying to find a  
6 justification for having botched the job by  
7 pointing out these issues?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Officer.

10 THE WITNESS: I can't say what his  
11 state of mind was.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Sir, is it your testimony that  
14 after Ms. Alvarado's dog had been killed, Sergeant  
15 Mellody discussed with you the markings on the  
16 property?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: He basically just  
20 asked us to look at it and to kind of  
21 like let's say get a second look at it,  
22 just to double check to make sure there  
23 was nothing in particular that we saw in  
24 regards to any particular markings on

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. What did Sergeant Mellody say?

6 A. After the warrant was served, he  
7 directed us, myself and Officer Rivera, back  
8 around to the rear of the property to get another  
9 really good look at it and we noticed that there  
10 was no specific markings and we discussed how  
11 there was no specific markings as to whether or  
12 not this was a different property.

13 Q. Could you elaborate what you mean  
14 by that?

15 A. Yes. We basically walked around to  
16 the rear and he looked at us and asked if there's  
17 anything in particular that we saw that would  
18 indicate that this was a second apartment, or a  
19 second entryway.

20 Q. Sergeant Mellody had been  
21 responsible for doing the reconnaissance in the  
22 first place on this operation, correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
24 Officer, you can answer.

1 this property on the rear.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Did Sergeant Mellody ever tell you  
4 about any effort he had made whatsoever to  
5 ascertain where the rear door to this property  
6 led?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. Sir, as part of the training  
12 you received with regards to doing reconnaissance  
13 for these kind of missions, did you get any sort  
14 of special or specific guidance as to how to do  
15 reconnaissance at multi residence properties?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
17 specifically as asked and answered, but  
18 Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. What guidance did you receive?

22 A. In regards to recon, just basically  
23 what kind of things to look for when it came to  
24 that, how to access any particular, I guess you

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1 could say, additional entryways. For example, if  
 2 we use -- if we were to serve a warrant in a  
 3 multi story dwelling, then we have to make a  
 4 determination of how to get into the first door,  
 5 how to get into a second door, if needed, and then  
 6 how to access that particular floor that the  
 7 apartment is on. That's something that all has to  
 8 get taken into consideration.

9 Q. Right, sir. If you were to plan an  
 10 operation to enforce a warrant for an apartment  
 11 that was on the third floor of an apartment  
 12 building, wouldn't you have to do reconnaissance  
 13 to figure out how the officers could gain entry to  
 14 the apartment on the third floor without entering  
 15 any of the other apartments in the building, so  
 16 long as the warrant only applied to the apartment  
 17 on the third floor?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. And that's the kind of thing that  
 23 you were specifically trained how to do as part of  
 24 the reconnaissance, correct?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 MR. WEST: Sir, your attorney might  
 4 have some questions for you, but I think  
 5 those are all the questions I have for  
 6 you today. Thank you very much time for  
 7 your time.

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9 EXAMINATION

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11 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

12 Q. Officer, I'll just have a few very,  
 13 very briefly and few questions to ask.

14 I want to ask you first --  
 15 Plaintiff's Counsel asked you a few questions  
 16 regarding what you and Sergeant Mellody discussed  
 17 regarding the back door. I wanted to ask you, do  
 18 you recall seeing the back door before the front  
 19 door was breached?

20 A. I could not see the back door  
 21 because it was facing to the right.

22 Q. Do you recall seeing, prior to the  
 23 breaching of the front door, anything that  
 24 indicated to you what that back door led to?

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1 A. No. It looked exactly like the  
 2 other properties at the back of that.

3 Q. Did the other properties on that  
 4 driveway have any kind of markings on the back  
 5 door?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Officer, I want to ask you just  
 8 generally, you mentioned that your understanding  
 9 is that pepper spray can be used on dogs; is that  
 10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When considering whether to use  
 13 pepper spray, do you consider whether it's inside  
 14 or outside of a property?

15 A. Whether the dog is outside the  
 16 property?

17 Q. Yes, whether the pepper spray  
 18 would be used inside or outside of the property.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What do you consider? Can you  
 21 just explain what you would consider in that  
 22 situation?

23 A. Yes. Based on the volume of pepper  
 24 spray that comes out of that canister, if it's

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1 done in a closed or a tight area, the residual  
 2 spray will effect the rest of the team. So it has  
 3 to be considered -- you have to take into  
 4 consideration how much you can use on a particular  
 5 dog.

6 Q. Then I want to clarify too, did you  
 7 understand when you and the remainder of the SWAT  
 8 Team were executing the warrant on that day that  
 9 this was a homicide suspect that you were  
 10 executing a warrant for?

11 A. If the -- normally that information  
 12 would be on the reconnaissance sheet, yes.

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, that's  
 14 all I have, unless Keith has any  
 15 follow-up from that.

16 MR. WEST: I just have a follow-up  
 17 on one issue.

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19 EXAMINATION

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21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Sir, the defense attorney asked you  
 23 if you could see the rear door prior to the  
 24 breach. Do you recall that?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. I don't have a copy of the

3 transcript in front of me. Was your answer that

4 you could not see the door at all?

5 A. I could see that it was facing to

6 the right and I could see it partially based on

7 the angle that I was on.

8 Q. Could you elaborate what you mean

9 by that?

10 A. I might have been on the left side

11 of that property and Officer Rivera would have

12 been on the right side facing the rear. So he

13 would have had a better angle on it.

14 Q. Prior to Ms. Alvarado's door being

15 breached, did you know that there was a rear door

16 that you could see?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Okay. So you think it's possible

19 that you were in the rear of the property, but

20 you didn't know there was a door back there?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,

22 but Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I knew there was a

24 door back there.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. Are you saying that you were

3 placed physically in some location other than

4 behind the house?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

6 Officer, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: No. I was directly

8 behind the house.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Not to go on, but I'm just

11 struggling to understand physically how you

12 couldn't have seen the door in the back of the

13 house if you were behind there?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

15 THE WITNESS: If you're looking

16 directly at that house, standing

17 directly behind it, that door faces to

18 the right. It doesn't face the back.

19 So there's a wall that's stands out,

20 kind of like a bump out and the door is

21 on the right side of that wall.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. But just to make sure everything is

24 clear, even if you had decided to stand at a

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1 certain angle, where you didn't have a direct view

2 of the door at a particular time, you were

3 perfectly aware of the existence of the door in

4 the rear of the house, prior to the breach,

5 correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

7 Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. And was part of the purpose of the

11 rear containment part of the operation to have a

12 couple of officers behind the building who could

13 intercept anyone who might coming running out the

14 rear door?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

16 Officer, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's part of

18 the assignment.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. So regardless of whether or not you

21 could physically see the rear door at any time,

22 you actually were where you were, at least in

23 part, to monitor that door, correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 THE WITNESS: Correct.

2 MR. WEST: Thank you very much,

3 sir.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No follow-up here.

5 Officer, thank you very much for your

6 time.

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8 (Whereupon, the deposition

9 concluded at 11:05 a.m.)

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**Clinical Evaluation**

**Client:** Alvarado, Felishatay

**DOB:** 12/1/89

**Referral Source:** Victims' Recovery Law Center

**Clinician:** Veronique N. Valliere, Psy.D.

**Date of Report:** 10/24/23

**Dates of Interviews:** 7/12/23; 8/4/23

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**Reason for Referral**

Ms. Alvarado was referred for an evaluation to assess the psychological, emotional, and social impact of an incident involving police officers who entered her home and shot her dog. Officers were attempted to execute a warrant and entered Ms. Alvarado's home, the wrong address. During the breach of Ms. Alvarado's apartment, officers killed Ms. Alvarado's dog and terrified Ms. Alvarado. Ms. Alvarado is involved in a lawsuit against the City of Philadelphia and multiple co-defendants for their "collective gross negligence, careless, reckless, willful and wanton disregard for the rights and safety of" Ms. Alvarado. The referral questions include:

- The nature of any psychological harm caused to the victim as a result of the alleged abuse;
- Whether the victim has recovered from the harm or continues to suffer from the harm;
- Her prognosis with respect to recovery, and how and for how long the harm will impact her life; and,
- Treatment recommendations if necessary, and if required, the nature, extent, and expected duration of the treatment.

Ms. Alvarado appeared as scheduled for her evaluation, which was performed on a secure video platform for a total of 3.0 hours, including testing. Testing was administered via secure link. Ms. Alvarado was coherent and oriented throughout her interview. She demonstrated no overt signs of confusion, incoherence, or psychosis during the interview. The purpose of the interview and the limits to confidentiality were explained. Ms. Alvarado understood that the disclosures she made, and the results of testing would be written into an evaluation for her attorney. It appeared that her competence to participate in the interview was not compromised in any way. There was nothing to suggest that her ability to consent to the interview was significantly compromised.

This evaluation is limited to the information attained by history, records, interview, collateral contacts, and test results. New or supplemental information potentially could impact the opinions offered in this report. If new or contradictory information is obtained, this examiner would require review of the information to incorporate that information into the formulation of this report. Any self-report can be impacted by bias. However, Ms. Alvarado's reported history was entirely consistent with the provided information. There is no reason to question the legitimacy of her self-report.

**Test & Techniques**

Clinical Interview (total 3 hours)

Collateral Interviews

Ms. Yara Alvarado – sister (25 minutes)

**Confidential Evaluation****Review of Records:**

Body Cam Videos of Interviews of F. & Y. Alvarado on 6/4/21  
 Deposition of F. Alvarado dated 8/11/23  
 Deposition of Y. Alvarado dated 8/28/23  
 Encounter Note – Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc. (GPHA) dated 3/8/23  
 ESA Verification #ESA3691099894 by F. Welch, MD dated 4/24/21  
 Ledger from Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc. (GPHA)  
 Plaintiff's Amended Complaint with Exhibit  
 Plaintiff's Responses to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production

**Testing:**

Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)  
 Trauma Symptom Inventory – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (TSI-2)

**Qualifications of Examiner**

I am a licensed clinical psychologist and have worked in the field of interpersonal violence for 30 years. I received my doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology of Rutgers University in January 1993. I became licensed as a Psychologist in May 1995. I have gained my knowledge through my own studies and clinical work treating hundreds of victims of assault. Additionally, having evaluated, interviewed, and/or treated thousands of offenders, I have learned about the methods employed by sexual offenders and the dynamics of sexual abuse, along with the ways in which victims have responded to their assaults and the traumatic impact of sexual assault.

I am the owner/operator of two outpatient treatment centers, one for victims of violence and the other for offenders of violence. I provide treatment, evaluations, and consultation, as well as supervise the work of numerous other clinicians. I have served as an expert in courts across the country and internationally and with all branches of the military. I have served as a consultant and/or expert witness in over 150 courts martial and in many other trials as an expert in clinical psychology, forensic psychology, victim dynamics and response to violence/abuse, trauma, and offender risk, dynamics, and rehabilitation potential. I have also served as an evaluator in civil court in cases involving damages to victims related to abuse or assaults they have experienced at the hands of an individual or involving the neglect or failure to act by an agency or organization. I have served on the Pennsylvania Sexual Offender Assessment Board since 1997, performing thousands of offender evaluations.

I act as a consultant and trainer for many agencies and organizations. I have provided training nationally and internationally for such agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, all branches of the military, and for agencies and institutions in other countries. I have testified regarding sexual assault in the military to the U.S. Congress and to the Pennsylvania General Assembly regarding a number of laws and issues involving sexual assault and violence. I have consulted with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Justice in policy creation regarding sexual assault and understanding sexual offenders. I contributed to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). I have been consulted as an expert on sexual assault and domestic violence in media articles, and I have appeared on television and radio shows.

I have written three books published by Routledge Press, Understanding Victims of Interpersonal Violence (2019), Unmasking the Sexual Offender (2023), and Successful Prosecution of Intimate Violence (2023), regarding topics related to the substance of my Expert Report. The former is a guide for investigators and prosecutors designed to provide accessible information for personnel "in the trenches" with victims of violence to aid in understanding and explaining their behavior. The second provides information about the motivations, techniques, and dynamics of sexual offenders and their behaviors and outlines ways in which offenders manipulate and exploit others.

**Confidential Evaluation****Compensation**

Valliere & Counseling Associates, Inc. is being compensated for its time at hourly rates and, for its out-of-pocket expenses, at cost. My hourly rate is \$350.00, up to \$3500.00 per day. The compensation paid to Valliere & Counseling Associates, Inc. is not contingent upon the nature or substance of my findings or on the outcome of this matter.

**Offense/Incident Information**

Ms. Alvarado lived alone in Philadelphia, renting a first-floor apartment with her two dogs, three cats, and bird. Ms. Alvarado was living a quiet life, where she supported herself on Social Security Disability and occasional jobs she could hold when she felt well enough. Ms. Alvarado suffers from Von Willebrand disease, a bleeding disorder that prevents the individual's blood from clotting properly. She often felt poorly, with fatigue and pain from the disorder. Ms. Alvarado also suffered from anxiety and depression, lifelong issues that began in her early teen years, but worsening significantly since her mother's death in 2013.

After a period of depression and grief when her mother died, Ms. Alvarado adopted her Akuma, who provided emotional support and protection for her. He, along with Ms. Alvarado's smaller dog Penelope, became certified as emotional support animals in April 2021, to assist Ms. Alvarado with her "high stress levels." Her dog and other pets were her primary sources of solace and companionship. "My animals were the only thing I got out of bed for," she said, describing how her pets kept her going when she was severely depressed. Akuma, a pit bull, also helped Ms. Alvarado feel safe and protected as a single woman living alone in Philadelphia. She trained him well and he was "the love of [her] life."

On June 4, 2021, at approximately 5:00 in the morning, Ms. Alvarado was getting up and getting ready for work, preparing to get in the shower. She had on a tank top, wrapping her naked lower half with a towel. On the way to the shower, Ms. Alvarado heard her small parrot screaming "an alert," so went to her living room to see what was happening. Suddenly, her door was smashed in, followed by numerous police officers. As Ms. Alvarado used multiple deadbolts on her door, the crash was significant. The officers began shouting and Ms. Alvarado's dogs began barking. She was ordered to sit on the floor, half-naked. Ms. Alvarado immediately called to her pit bull Akuma, telling him to "calm." He sat beside her and stopped barking. Ms. Alvarado asked the police to allow her to put the dogs in their kennel. However, the police "just shot Akuma." She said the dog was not barking or growling when he was shot.

Ms. Alvarado was immediately grief stricken when she heard the gunshot. Penelope, her small dog, ran to her, screaming and yelping loudly. Penelope was shaking and urinated on Ms. Alvarado, as Ms. Alvarado was sitting on the floor trying to calm the little dog. The police would not let her get up and would not tell Ms. Alvarado what had happened, simply commanding her to "be quiet, don't move." Ms. Alvarado felt panicky. She could not see Akuma but knew that he screamed when he was shot. Ms. Alvarado remained sitting on the floor for "a half hour." She saw one officer "kick" at the dog. After, Ms. Alvarado said that the police did not want to give her the dog's body. She had to advocate to get Akuma's body for cremation. When Ms. Alvarado did get her dog's body, she saw that he had been shot in the face.

The investigation revealed that officers falsely believed that Ms. Alvarado's apartment gave them access to a second-floor apartment where they were trying to serve the warrant. They ignored Ms. Alvarado when she tried to inform them that they could not reach the other apartment from her and had entered her home under problematic expectations. Ms. Alvarado had to remain on the floor on her knees, half-naked, without information and terrified, smelling her dog's blood for about a half hour. During the incident, Ms. Alvarado's sister came over, screaming for Ms. Alvarado because she heard the gunshot and did not know if Ms. Alvarado had been shot.

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Ms. Alvarado's apartment was left in chaos and the floor covered in blood. Ms. Alvarado could not bear to return nor to clean up the blood. Her sister Yara had to clean the mess. Ms. Alvarado moved to another apartment as soon as she could, staying with her sister for about a month until they could find another place. Ms. \*\* had difficulty retrieving Akuma's body and then had to pay for his cremation.

**Relevant Historical Information**

Ms. Alvarado is a 33-year-old, single Hispanic female. She has an olive complexion, with brown eyes and black hair. She wore glasses during her interview. Ms. Alvarado is slender.

Ms. Alvarado was born and raised in North Philadelphia where she has lived her entire life. She was raised by a single mother of seven. Ms. Alvarado is the youngest. Her mother had her later in life, when her mother was 40. Ms. Alvarado has two siblings, a brother and a sister, with the same biological parents. She has numerous half-siblings. She grew up with her sister and two of her brothers. Some of her siblings are much older than her. Ms. Alvarado reported that her father "didn't want anything to do with" his children. She looked for him at some point, but her father was never in her life, leaving when she was six months old.

Ms. Alvarado described her childhood as having its "ups and downs," especially financially. Ms. Alvarado's mother is deceased, dying in 2013. Ms. Alvarado was serving as her primary caretaker as her mother had COPD, arthritis, and diabetes. Ms. Alvarado moved to Georgia after high school but returned after three years to care for her mother. Her mother's death "hit" Ms. Alvarado "hard." She became very depressed and withdrawn after her mother died, only "getting out of bed" to care for her mother's elderly dog. Ms. Alvarado adopted Akuma after her mother's dog died within the same year or so.

Ms. Alvarado denied ever having been abused as child, physically, sexually, or emotionally. She described school as "okay," but reported that she struggled with reading. She "never got help," not receiving an IEP or special education. She did not graduate high school and did not attain her GED.

Ms. Alvarado reported that she was "always sick" as a child. She was on disability beginning as a child, which she supports herself now with, supplementing her SSD with part-time work. She had German measles and has Von Willebrand's disease, a bleeding disorder characterized by blood-clotting issues that can lead to bleeding. She can feel tired and ill at times. Ms. Alvarado does work when she "feels okay," holding lower skilled retail and factory jobs. Ms. Alvarado did not work since the "incident," dealing with depression, anxiety, and fatigue. Ms. Alvarado may have recently gotten a part-time job as a companion for the elderly, which her sister pushed her to do to "get her out of the house."

Ms. Alvarado has never been married. She has no children. Ms. Alvarado has never been in a long-term relationship. "I like to be by myself," she said.

**Treatment History/Substance Abuse History:** As a child Ms. Alvarado suffered from depression. Her mother put her into therapy, but "it didn't work." Ms. Alvarado described herself as "quiet," saying she did not like to talk. It was hard for her to open up about her feelings. The therapists were unable to encourage her participation in treatment. Ms. Alvarado is currently in treatment to learn to cope with her trauma.

Ms. Alvarado has no history of substance abuse. She has never received substance abuse treatment.

**Criminal/Legal History:** Ms. Alvarado has never had contact with the law prior to this incident. She has no criminal history.



**Confidential Evaluation****Interview/Behavioral Observations**

Ms. Alvarado appeared as scheduled for her interview. She was appropriately dressed and groomed. Ms. Alvarado understood the purpose of the evaluation. She was coherent and oriented. Ms. Alvarado displayed not overt signs of severe depression, dysregulation, or difficulties with reality testing. Ms. Alvarado was able to participate effectively in the interview.

Interpersonally, Ms. Alvarado was very pleasant and cooperative. She spoke sadly much of the time, presenting with some depressed affect, though she tried very hard to be upbeat and optimistic. When we discussed difficult topics, Ms. Alvarado became sad, though she tended to brush off the feelings so as not to trouble me or concern me with her well-being. This was consistent with how Ms. Alvarado described herself and how her sister later described Ms. Alvarado, as not wanting to be a bother, not asking for help, and being reluctant to open up and be vulnerable about her feelings.

Ms. Alvarado was very simplistic and concrete. She was not able to describe her thoughts and feelings well, using unsophisticated language and terms to express herself. For example, when describing a severe level of depression that entailed not being able to get out of bed, not bathing, and not eating, she simply said she was "really sad." When describing symptoms of panic attacks and terror, she used the simple terms of "nervous" and "anxious." Ms. Alvarado does not have the language or insight to give a complex description of her inner life. This is at least partially due to Ms. Alvarado's limitations and history of learning disabilities. Her difficulties with reading and comprehension were recognizable and impacted her testing as well. Ms. Alvarado seems to maintain simplistic ideas of herself and the world, living a quiet, peaceful, and uncomplicated life. She was introverted and self-protective prior to this event, something that she has become even more so since she was violated.

Ms. Alvarado was cooperative. She did not try to evade questions or intimidate the examiner. She was not dramatic or exaggerating. She spoke softly and clearly. She did not display any problematic interpersonal behavior that would impact the interview. Ms. Alvarado did not seem angry, hostile, or retaliatory. She was very sad about her losses and conveyed a sense of fear and vulnerability. Ms. Alvarado seemed to be struggling with disappointment over basic expectations of how she was treated. For example, Ms. Alvarado said sadly when describing the officers shooting her dog, "They didn't even say sorry."

**Interview Information**

When Ms. Alvarado thinks about the raid she is "sad." "It makes me want to cry," she said, "I relive it over and over again." Ms. Alvarado is living across the street from her current apartment. After the incident, she could not return to her home, living with her sister until they could find Ms. Alvarado a new apartment. She "still smelled the blood" in her apartment, which triggered her and caused her to "relive" the killing of her dog and her fear. She did not want to go home anymore. Now, living across the street from her old home still reminds her and produces bad memories, but it is "not as bad." Ms. Alvarado cried "all the time" after Akuma was killed. She could not eat or sleep. She became fearful of police. She was "paranoid" all the time.

Ms. Alvarado suffers from significant fear and anxiety now. "My sense of safety is gone," Ms. Alvarado said, explaining that she always feels on guard and vigilant, even in her new home. "Every time someone knocks on the door," she said, "I am afraid. Every noise startles me. I am paranoid and afraid." This was not a problem before, even when she struggled with depression. "I feel unsafe all the time," Ms. Alvarado said sadly.

Ms. Alvarado has had severe sleeping issues since the raid. The police entered her home when it was dark, very early in the morning. Ms. Alvarado was vulnerable and unprepared. Now, she feels very vulnerable when she sleeps. She "always wakes up" during the night, "scared someone is coming in" her

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home repeatedly during the night. Ms. Alvarado also has difficulties falling asleep. Often, she stays up to three or four in the morning. Ms. Alvarado stated that she does not dream anymore. She had frequent nightmares that were terrifying. She would then wake up and "think about it" (the incident). Then she cannot sleep. Typically, Ms. Alvarado sleeps four hours, a disrupted sleep. At times she sleeps during the day. On good days, Ms. Alvarado will get "seven hours at the most" of sleep, but it is disrupted. Overall, Ms. Alvarado reported she has "never really slept after the incident." Ms. Alvarado eats less due to her anxiety. Her weight has fluctuated.

Ms. Alvarado has flashbacks and intrusive thoughts. She said she will be driving and "all of the sudden" she will begin to relive the event. When she hears someone knock on the door, "it triggers and [she] will go back to that day." "If I see a cop car parked near where I live," Ms. Alvarado immediately gets anxious. "It is improving," Ms. Alvarado said, "but I try to avoid them." Dogs that look like Akuma trigger sadness, anxiety, and grief for Ms. Alvarado.

The event has changed Ms. Alvarado's perception of police. She does not feel safe. This is a regrettable change for Ms. Alvarado. Her older brother is a police officer. She "used to have respect for" police. Now she does not trust them.

Ms. Alvarado has struggled with a number of practical changes in her life. Ms. Alvarado moved to another apartment about a month after the event. Her new apartment is smaller. It is also on the second floor. Ms. Alvarado has to carry all her groceries and goods up a fire escape. She must use the fire escape regardless of the weather to leave or enter her apartment. She also has to use it to walk her dogs. Penelope is fearful of the stairs, so Ms. Alvarado must carry her up and down. Ms. Alvarado used to be on the first floor. The move has caused some "inconvenience." She has fallen on the fire escape twice, as it is slippery in the winter and rain. It is also hot in the summer, as it is metal.

Ms. Alvarado has lived alone since her mother's death. She was not afraid to live alone, especially because of Akuma. Now, she feels afraid to live by herself. She is aware of men on her "corner" who see her go in and out of her apartment without her big dog. "I lost my sense of protection without my dog," she said. Her new apartment is "more in the open" as well, more visible to strangers being close to a bus stop. She does not walk the dogs as she used to because she does not feel safe.

Ms. Alvarado has a history of major depression, repeatedly triggered by loss and grief. Ms. Alvarado said that her depression began when she was 13, after her grandmother, that she was close with, died of cancer. Ms. Alvarado helped care for her grandmother. After her grandmother died, it "left [Ms. Alvarado] feeling empty and sad." She began having trouble sleeping. She would not eat. This became an issue quickly as Ms. Alvarado said she was "not a big eater ever – never really ate a lot." She lost weight. Her mother put her in treatment. Ms. Alvarado described being seriously depressed after her mother died. Ms. Alvarado was her caretaker for years and was devastated by her mother's death.

After Ms. Alvarado's mother's death, Ms. Alvarado got Akuma, the dog that was killed by police. Akuma served as her emotional support dog, helping her with her depression and anxiety. He was very well-trained. He was nine years old when he was killed, spending almost all his life with Ms. Alvarado. Ms. Alvarado said that she and Akuma had a "very deep bond." He helped her begin to function again after she lost her mother. "My animals were the only reason I got up in the morning," she explained, saying her depression and grief were severe at the time. She was having trouble getting out of bed, caring for herself, and leaving her house. Her pets' needs were her motivation. Ms. Alvarado got another small dog, Penelope, after she got Akuma. They kept each other company as well.

Penelope has been traumatized by being present for the raid and killing of Akuma. Ms. Alvarado stated that Penelope is now anxious, scared of loud noises, and afraid of strangers. Ms. Alvarado also has a small parrot, a conure, that has been impacted by the raid. Ms. Alvarado described how her bird was "screaming" throughout the event, adding to Ms. Alvarado's fear and the chaos that ensued. The bird

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now screams at loud noises, is more anxious, and reacts with fear if Ms. Alvarado picks up her broom or a stick. The bird is a bit more aggressive as well, prone to bite if it is nervous.

Ms. Alvarado is currently in therapy to address her trauma symptoms. She reported that this is "sometimes in zoom, sometimes in person." She said that her therapist gave her useful "breathing exercises." She attends every two weeks. Ms. Alvarado will not take medication for her anxiety and depression. She is fearful of becoming "addicted," so relies on prayer, natural remedies, and herbs. Ms. Alvarado is exerting effort in to feeling better and dealing with her symptoms. "I try to control the way I feel," she said, "I use treatment and coping. I try to clear my mind when I am overwhelmed."

Ms. Alvarado's primary coping is to rely on God. "I leave it up to God," she said, "It helps me a lot – prayer." Ms. Alvarado has returned to church after the incident. She said her mother always "talked about God," so Ms. Alvarado finds solace in leaning on God.

**Collateral Interviews – Yara Alvarado (sister)**

This examiner interviewed Ms. Yara Alvarado over the phone for approximately 25 minutes. Ms. Alvarado identified her sister as someone she was close to and who had observed the impact of the incident on Ms. Alvarado. Ms. Yara Alvarado speaks to her sister on an almost daily basis. They were close before the incident. Ms. Alvarado lived with Yara for about a month after the incident, until she was able to help Ms. Alvarado get another apartment. Ms. Alvarado did not feel safe in the apartment that was breached.

Directly after the incident, Yara was fearful for Ms. Alvarado's mental health. For instance, she explained what Ms. Alvarado did in her new apartment, which concerned Yara. "It was like the movie *A Beautiful Mind*," she said, "There were papers pasted all over the walls." These "papers" were inspirational and coping quotes that Ms. Alvarado had put up all over to help her deal with her anxiety and grief. According to her sister, Ms. Alvarado has a "very hard time expressing herself" and sharing her feelings. "She is trying to prove she is so strong," Yara explained. Yara encourages Ms. Alvarado to go to therapy. Yara added, "Going to Church helps her." Yara explained that Ms. Alvarado has gotten more involved in church, which has been the "most helpful." "the Church is pulling her out of depression some," Yara stated.

Yara has noticed numerous changes in her sister. Ms. Alvarado has gone into a "very bad depression" since Akuma was killed, according to Yara. She also has become reactive and hypervigilant. "If someone knocks, she is paranoid," Yara explained. Yara must give Ms. Alvarado plenty of notice when she is coming to visit, something that was not previously necessary. When she hears sirens, Ms. Alvarado "tenses up and looks around." Ms. Alvarado's "nerves are really bad." "She is very jumpy," said Yara. The most upsetting thing for Yara to witness is that Ms. Alvarado "has lost her sense of safety – she doesn't feel safe."

Ms. Alvarado has withdrawn from relationships with friends and family. The only family Ms. Alvarado associates with is Yara. She is not engaged with nephews she was once close to since the incident. Ms. Alvarado cannot have children, so her "animals are her children."

Ms. Alvarado has changed in other ways. "She was always dolled up all the time," Yara said, "Now, she doesn't wear makeup. She wears pajama bottoms, baggy clothes. She doesn't comb or do up her hair." Ms. Alvarado has "dropped a lot of weight." Ms. Alvarado has always been vegan, but now only eats "rice and potatoes." "I have to get on her to eat properly," Yara said. For a while after the incident, Ms. Alvarado was not leaving the house "for days and days." Yara recently helped get Ms. Alvarado a part-time job being a companion for the elderly. Ms. Alvarado will now go out, and enjoys her job, but takes two of her dogs "everywhere she goes."

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Another new and compulsive behavior Yara has noticed is that Ms. Alvarado has been "collecting pets" ever since Akuma was killed. She said Ms. Alvarado has adopted two more dogs since she was interviewed for her evaluation. Ms. Alvarado now has four dogs, four cats, and a bird. Yara had to force Ms. Alvarado to give up an opossum baby she found on the street and was trying to raise. "She is trying to fill the void," Yara explained. Ms. Alvarado is now demonstrating what Yara described as "attachment issues." "She wants to rescue everything she sees," Yara said. Ms. Alvarado allowed a strange homeless man into her shared basement and almost inviting a homeless couple to stay with her. "She tries to be everyone's superman because she can't be her own," Yara said.

Yara tries to offer Ms. Alvarado as much support and encouragement as she can. She helped Ms. Alvarado get a job, encourages her to go to church, and supports her involvement in therapy. However, she remains worried about Ms. Alvarado, especially because it is difficult for Ms. Alvarado to ask for help. "I just want her to feel safe again," Yara said.

**Review of Records****Encounter Note – GPHA (3/8/23)**

Ms. Alvarado appeared at the clinic to seek a letter to excuse her from jury duty. At the time she presented for care, she had the diagnoses of Anxiety Disorder, unspecified, Major Depressive Disorder, recurrent, and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, chronic.

**Ledger – GPHA**

A ledger sheet from GPHA indicated that Ms. Alvarado had a psychiatric evaluation performed in July 2022. She participated in three mental health telehealth visits for a total of one hour and 15 minutes.

**Testing Summary**

Ms. Alvarado took the testing through a link to her cell phone. She was monitored via video and instructed to let this examiner know if she had trouble reading or comprehending any item. Ms. Alvarado did not report any specific difficulties during her testing. However, she informed this examiner that she had a history of reading difficulties and learning disabilities, something I told her might affect her comprehension, reiterating that she needed to inform me if she had problems. While Ms. Alvarado did not identify any problems while taking her tests, the test results both indicate some random and atypical response patterns.

**Trauma Symptom Inventory – 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (TSI-2)** - The TSI is a self-report instrument measuring symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other symptoms of trauma. It was designed as a broad-spectrum assessment of trauma related symptoms and behaviors. The scale assesses a wide array of psychological arenas including: anger/irritability; depression; intrusive experiences; anxious arousal; avoidance; dissociation; suicidality; somatic preoccupation; impaired self-reference; insecure attachment; and other trauma related symptoms and behaviors. There are two validity scales – one assessing defensiveness or avoidance, the other assessing atypical responding.

Ms. Alvarado produced a valid profile. Her score on atypical responding was elevated. This scale can assess over-reporting of symptoms, a cry for help, or the presence of symptoms that not all individuals with trauma experience. In elevated scales, the manual advises examining the individual items to see if the items are consistent with observations and self-report. In Ms. Alvarado's case, her score was elevated by an item regarding frequent flashbacks for several weeks and loss of memory for traumatic events. Ms. Alvarado did report intense, frequent flashbacks for weeks after the event, corroborated by her sister.

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Ms. Alvarado showed elevations on scales consistent with her self-report. Her scores involving anxiety were clinically significant. The scales represent the experiences of hyperarousal, "jumpiness," fear, and panic associated with trauma. Ms. Alvarado continues to have clinically significant levels of intrusive experiences – unwanted and sudden memories, thoughts, or feelings associated with the traumatic event. Testing reiterates that Ms. Alvarado's way of coping is to avoid thoughts, feelings, reminders, and triggers of the trauma, something she readily described. Ms. Alvarado's test scores also reflect her somatic or physical concerns, indicating that she worries about her health and symptoms that may be related to the depression and anxiety she had, but also likely reflects her chronic health issues. Finally, Ms. Alvarado indicated that she avoids intimacy and attachment. While Ms. Alvarado and her sister reported she has further withdrawn for social interactions, Ms. Alvarado described this as a pre-existing issue for her. Overall, Ms. Alvarado's score on the Posttraumatic Stress scale was clinically significant.

Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) – The PAI is a 344 item, self-administered personality inventory that assesses numerous domains in the individual's personality functioning, including self-concept, clinical syndromes and symptoms, and interpersonal issues. It has four validity scales, including measurements of inconsistent responding, positive and negative impression management, and unusual responding. It is also useful in assessing exaggeration and potential malingering, important areas for examination in a forensic evaluation.

Ms. Alvarado produced a valid profile. However, she demonstrated some elevation on the scale for unusual responses, potentially related to confusion, reading difficulties, or unique interpretations of items. Given this score, her profile should be interpreted with caution. Ms. Alvarado's profile indicated some level of defensiveness as well, a reluctance to admit even common issues. Ms. Alvarado's score indicate that she may attempt to present as functioning better than she actually is, something she demonstrated in her interview and corroborated by her sister.

Ms. Alvarado's testing did not reveal any serious clinical pathology indicative of a severe mental illness or personality pathology. However, her scale scores reveal her suspiciousness, anxiety, depression, fears, and unhappiness. Ms. Alvarado's results reflect her distrust in her environment, hypervigilance to harm, and distrust of other people's motives. Ms. Alvarado has somatic complaints, consistent with her chronic illness and the somatic symptoms of her anxiety and depression. Ms. Alvarado reported ineffective efforts in coping with her fears and anxieties at times, choosing to avoid reminders or situations that evoke her fear versus being able to cope with those fears. She may struggle with agoraphobia. Ms. Alvarado's profile indicates that she experiences the physiological symptoms associated with depression, like sleep disturbances, fatigue, and eating issues, as well as symptoms related to anxiety, like pounding heart, trembling, and sweaty hands.

Ms. Alvarado's profile reiterated her social isolation. She maintains detachment from others; intimacy may be uncomfortable or threatening. Others may perceive her as aloof and unemotional. She tends to keep her environment predictable but has few reliable social supports. She is unlikely to be willing to be vulnerable and open to discussing her problems. Ms. Alvarado's strength lies in her stable sense of self. She believes she is goal-driven and has a sense of purpose.

Ms. Alvarado's profile is consistent with her interview presentation, self-report, and history. She has limited supports, has lived an introverted life with few relationships, and has a chronic disease that worries her. She is fearful of leaving her home, hypervigilant about her environment, and mistrustful of others. She has described losing any sense of safety, something that has magnified her shy and introverted behavior. Ms. Alvarado is fearful of leaving the home and struggles with anxiety about the unknown and unpredictable since the event.



**Confidential Evaluation****Diagnostic Summary/Offense Impact Analysis**

Ms. Alvarado is a peace-loving, introverted, simple individual who made a life for herself with a chronic disorder and difficulties with learning. Ms. Alvarado has a history of depression and anxiety beginning in her early adolescence that was triggered by loss and death. An episode of Major Depression recurred following the death of her mother. She found a means to cope with her issues and rise out of her depression with the love and companionship of her pets, especially Akuma, who she used for protection and emotional support.

Ms. Alvarado suffered a tragedy, in both the violation of her home and sanctuary and the killing of her dog Akuma. This event triggered a recurrence of her Major Depression because she suffered a significant loss and experienced the related grief. Historically, loss has been a serious challenge for Ms. Alvarado. It was again, resulting in daily crying, loss of eating, sleep disturbances, dysphoria, and loss of self-care. Ms. Alvarado experienced a Major Depressive episode following the death of her dog, characterized by depressed mood, loss of interest, sleep disturbances, fatigue, problems concentrating and coping, and appetite problems. Ms. Alvarado reported a history of Major Depressive Disorder. However, she was managing her depression and the related anxiety prior to the event with police.

Additionally, since the raid and killing of her dog, Ms. Alvarado has developed a trauma-related disorder, suffering symptoms related specifically to the traumatic event, in addition to the depression. Ms. Alvarado can be diagnosed with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. In diagnosis of trauma disorders, the traumatic experience has to be experienced or witnessed and must involve an actual or serious threat of death or significant injury to the physical integrity of oneself or others. Subsequent to the event(s), the individual must develop symptoms characteristic of trauma that persist for more than 30 days.

It is evident that Ms. Alvarado meets the diagnostic criteria of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and developed symptoms specifically following and related to the raid of her apartment. Ms. Alvarado demonstrates the following symptoms, meeting the full diagnostic criteria for PTSD:

- Intrusive Symptoms
  - Recurrent and intrusive thoughts and memories of the assault;
  - Recurrent distressing dreams/nightmares;
  - Flashbacks, or a sense of reliving the event;
  - Intense distress at exposure to stimuli evoking or triggering recall of the event;
  - Physiological reactivity to stimuli evoking the event;
- Avoidance of Stimuli Associated with the Trauma
  - Efforts to avoid any thoughts or feelings of the event;
  - Efforts to avoid situations, reminders, or triggers of the event;
- Negative Alterations in Cognitions and Mood related to the trauma
  - Persistent negative beliefs and expectations (lack of trust, fear of recurrence);
  - Persistent negative emotional state (chronic anxiety, fear);
  - Feelings of detachment and estrangement from others (betrayal, "paranoid," isolated);
  - Marked diminishment of pleasure or interest in significant activities;
- Marked Alterations in Arousal and Reactivity
  - Difficulty falling asleep and/or staying asleep;
  - Difficulty concentrating;
  - Hypervigilance and exaggerated startle response.

Ms. Alvarado described the symptoms above throughout her interview. Her reports were confirmed by collateral contacts, records, and testing results.

Ms. Alvarado is attending therapy, despite her pre-existing issues with describing and sharing her issues with others. She is using the skills she is learning to cope with her anxiety. Additionally, Ms. Alvarado is



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seeking solace and comfort in her faith and her optimism. She is challenging herself by working and broadening her range of activities, like walking her dogs. Ms. Alvarado continues to rely on avoidance as a major part of her survival with her symptoms. It is clear that Ms. Alvarado is not invested in suffering and is making efforts to improve.

One of the more momentous changes in Ms. Alvarado's life as a result of this traumatic event, is her loss of a sense of safety. Ms. Alvarado lived a protected and relatively modest, uncomplicated life prior to the assault on her home. She was comfortable and felt protected, where she lived and with her dog. Now, she fears that people will know she lives alone. She does not trust police. Ms. Alvarado has had to adjust to a new apartment with all the factors involved, like being closer to a bus stop. She did not leave her home for a time. Ms. Alvarado has a distorted and disrupted sense of trust, something that a traumatic event can create. Ms. Alvarado does not know what to trust so she vacillates between distrust and no regard for trust, like taking in a stranger. Individuals who are traumatized in situations presumed safe and protected, by people they were supposed to trust (like parents or police), can become ineffective and inaccurate at assessing risk and evaluating trustworthiness. She has withdrawn from some relationships in the course of her trauma.

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

It is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of psychological certainty, that Ms. Alvarado has suffered from a diagnosable condition, namely **Post-traumatic Stress Disorder**, in the past and currently that has profoundly altered her life. This condition is a direct result of the violations she experienced during the raid on June 4, 2021. Ms. Alvarado also experienced an episode of **Major Depressive Disorder**, triggered by the loss of her dog and safety, creating additional psychological hurdles for her to navigate. Ms. Alvarado has a history of Major Depressive Disorder and Generalized Anxiety Disorder, which were exacerbated by the traumatic event. Ms. Alvarado was managing her pre-existing mental health issues with the assistance of Akuma prior to police killing him. She suffers impairment in all arenas of her life: psychological; interpersonal/social; and functional.

My conclusions are as follows:

1. Ms. Alvarado can be diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, which has persisted and is still very prominent in her experience. She is engaged in efforts to cope with her trauma the best she can with limited skills, primarily relying on avoidance as a means to cope.
2. Ms. Alvarado requires therapeutic interventions. Her treatment needs to be specialized to address her trauma and related depressive and anxiety symptoms. Treatment of trauma is a specialized treatment that may require a variety of techniques and interventions, including exposure therapy, EMDR, biofeedback, or other avenues to improvement. Alternative interventions may be particularly necessary for Ms. Alvarado, who is reluctant to or less adept at sharing and introspecting than other clients. Ms. Alvarado requires strategies and skills that are concrete and accessible to her, presented at a level she can best utilize. Her learning issues may make reading, journaling, or other more typical interventions less useful.
3. Ms. Alvarado's current treatment is inadequate. She is unable to have regular appointments, dictated by insurance and clinic scheduling issues. She should be afforded private therapy that is regular, available, and preferably in person. Effective therapeutic interventions as described above are not easy or doable via telehealth. Therapy sessions with a specialized therapist can cost between \$150 - \$250 per session. A year of therapy will cost between \$7500 - \$12,500 per year. Ms. Alvarado will likely require at least two

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years of therapy with decreasing sessions if she progresses. She may require a course of EMDR or exposure therapy, which may require more fees.

4. Adequate treatment of trauma can take years and require consistent participation by the client. If her symptoms increase, she might require a higher level of care, like inpatient or intensive outpatient care. As Ms. Alvarado is involved in her faith and uses her relationship with God as source of her strength, faith-based therapy may be useful for Ms. Alvarado.
5. Ms. Alvarado's treatment should also address her coping skills. She has few if any skills to process and manage her anxiety, fear, and depression, as well as her intrusive thoughts and memories related to the abuse.
6. Ms. Alvarado will struggle with her trauma for a significant period in the future, if not for the remainder of her life. She will experience permanent harm in the form of recurrent intrusive memories, fear and hypervigilance, grief, and anxiety. While she might learn to better manage these issues, it is unlikely they will fully resolve, especially given her pre-existing vulnerabilities.
7. As Ms. Alvarado finds solace and relief from animals, she may benefit from a service animal for her trauma and anxiety to assist her in becoming more independent. A service animal differs from an emotional support animal in that a service animal is specially trained to detect and intervene in mental health symptoms, like those that accompany serious PTSD. A trained service dog that can accompany her in public may assist in broadening her circle and allow her to seek new and different opportunities for socialization and education. An animal that additionally offers her a feeling of protection, like a larger trained dog, will be beneficial.

*All the opinions contained in this report are given with a reasonable degree of psychological certainty.*



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# EXHIBIT “J”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Officer Eric Clark**

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<p>Page 1</p> <p>IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>FELISHATAY ALVARADO, : CIVIL ACTION : Plaintiff (s) : : -vs- : NO.: 22-3763 : CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, : et al., : : Defendant (s) : : --- Thursday, September 21, 2023 ---</p> <p>VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION of OFFICER ERIC CLARK, was taken, pursuant to notice, held at the Victims' Recovery Law Center, 121 South Broad Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, commencing at 12:05 a.m., before LISA HUGHES, Court Reporter and Notary Public, there being present:</p> <p>DIAMOND COURT REPORTING 406 REDBUD LANE MANTUA, NEW JERSEY 08051 856-589-1107</p>	<p>Page 3</p> <p>1 --- 2 INDEX 3 --- 4 5 WITNESS PAGE 6 OFFICER ERIC CLARK 7 8 9 EXAMINATION: 10 BY MR. WEST 6 11 12 13 14 --- 15 EXHIBITS 16 --- 17 18 EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE MARKED 19 (Whereupon, no exhibits were marked.) 20 21 22 23 24</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 Pennsylvania, 19107.  2 Today's date is  3 September 21, 2023 at 12:08 p.m..  4 this deposition is being performed  5 in person. The caption of this case  6 is Alvarado versus The City of  7 Philadelphia, et al. Philadelphia  8 Court of Common Pleas. Docket  9 #220601633.  10 The witness being deposed  11 today is Officer Eric Clark. This  12 deposition is being taken on behalf  13 of the plaintiff, Felishatay  14 Alvarado. The officer taking this  15 deposition is Lisa Hughes and she  16 shall swear the witness in at this  17 time.  18 - - -  19 OFFICER ERIC CLARK, having  20 been first duly sworn, was examined  21 and testified as follows:  22 - - -  23 EXAMINATION  24 - - -</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 some point, just let us know, we'll be  2 accommodating. Okay?  3 A. Not a problem.  4 Q. Please don't answer any questions  5 unless you believe that you understand them.  6 A. Okay.  7 Q. So if at any point if you have trouble  8 understanding a question I'm asking you, just  9 let us know, I'll be glad to rephrase any  10 question if I can, try to speak louder, less  11 loud, faster, slower, whatever. Okay?  12 A. Uh-huh.  13 Q. Or rephrase the question. As I'm sure  14 your attorney advised you, your only  15 obligation today is to give truthful  16 testimony based on your personal knowledge.  17 A. Right.  18 Q. So please do that. I'm not at any  19 point going to ask you to guess or speculate.  20 It's not like a multiple option test where  21 you have to answer every question. Okay?  22 A. I understand.  23 Q. But we would like to know everything  24 that you do know. So if you're asked any</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:  2 Q. Good afternoon, Officer Clark. My name  3 is Keith West, I'm one of the attorneys  4 representing the plaintiff in this case, Ms.  5 Alvarado. Thank you very much for coming in  6 today. And just a few preliminary things we  7 always put on the record.  8 You've had a chance to confer with your  9 attorneys and you're prepared to testify  10 today, correct?  11 A. Yes.  12 Q. Okay. Are you under the influence of  13 any sort of illness, medication, substance,  14 or anything that would impair your ability to  15 testify truthfully today?  16 A. No.  17 Q. We don't intend this to be an  18 unnecessarily uncomfortable process so if at  19 any time you need a break, normally I'd offer  20 you a cup of coffee, I think we actually just  21 ran out of coffee.  22 A. No. I am dying walking over here.  23 Q. But if you'd like a glass of water,  24 whatever, you need to use the restroom at</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 question and you have partial memory, partial  2 knowledge, just let us know that that's the  3 case, and if you're able to give any  4 estimates or approximations, we want your  5 estimates or approximations, just let us know  6 that you are, in fact, giving an estimate or  7 approximation. Okay?  8 A. Got you.  9 Q. Yeah, I think that's all the  10 preliminary stuff. So, Officer Clark, our  11 incident giving rise to this lawsuit occurred  12 on June 4, 2021. At that time, you were a  13 member of the Philadelphia SWAT unit; is that  14 correct?  15 A. That's correct.  16 Q. All right. It looks like a different  17 uniform. Are you still a member of the SWAT  18 team?  19 A. No. I'm in and out of patrol. I ride  20 horses now.  21 Q. Sure. So when did you stop being a  22 part of the SWAT unit?  23 A. February of this year I was detailed  24 and I was officially transferred to mounted</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 [phonetic] maybe two weeks ago.</p> <p>2 Q. So that's a new thing, right?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And you stopped being a member of the</p> <p>5 SWAT unit in February of 2023?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p>7 Q. Why did you stop being a member of the</p> <p>8 SWAT unit?</p> <p>9 A. Just a life-style change.</p> <p>10 Q. Was that a decision that you made, were</p> <p>11 you transferred?</p> <p>12 A. No, it's a decision that I made.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And why did you decide you'd</p> <p>14 like to make that change?</p> <p>15 A. I just had a newborn baby.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. And it was taking a toll on the family,</p> <p>18 the hours, the on-call and everything like</p> <p>19 that, so...</p> <p>20 Q. Yeah. My latest son was born late</p> <p>21 January of 2023. All right. When did you</p> <p>22 first become a member of the Philadelphia</p> <p>23 Police Department?</p> <p>24 A. I joined the academy at 12/12/2011.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Were you interviewed by one or both?</p> <p>3 A. Just one.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Besides this incident, have you</p> <p>5 ever been involved in an officer involved</p> <p>6 shooting?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>8 form, but, Officer, if you know you</p> <p>9 can answer.</p> <p>10 MR. WEST: Okay. I'll lay a</p> <p>11 foundation.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. Was this incident an officer involved</p> <p>14 shooting?</p> <p>15 A. Meaning?</p> <p>16 Q. Sure. You were involved in a warrant</p> <p>17 informant action on June 4, 2021, correct?</p> <p>18 A. Correct, uh-huh.</p> <p>19 Q. Did that action involve an officer</p> <p>20 involved shooting?</p> <p>21 A. Discharging his firearm, is that what</p> <p>22 you're asking?</p> <p>23 Q. So you used the phrase officer involved</p> <p>24 shooting just a moment ago, correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 Q. So as of June, 2021 you've been a</p> <p>2 member of the Philadelphia Police Department</p> <p>3 for a little over nine years, right?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. When did you first join the SWAT</p> <p>6 unit?</p> <p>7 A. December, 2020 if I'm not mistaken.</p> <p>8 I'm not exactly sure.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. So you think it was about a half</p> <p>10 of year before our incident?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. You were interviewed by Internal</p> <p>13 Affairs as part of this incident, correct?</p> <p>14 A. OISI, Officer Involved Shooting Team.</p> <p>15 Q. Is that part of Internal Affairs or a</p> <p>16 separate unit?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>18 form, but, Officer, if you know.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.</p> <p>20 I know they do their separate</p> <p>21 things. OISI does the shooting</p> <p>22 interview and then IAB does the</p> <p>23 other thing so I'm not completely a</p> <p>24 hundred percent sure.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 Q. Would you use that same phrase in</p> <p>3 relation to the incidents that occurred on</p> <p>4 June 4, 2021?</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>6 form, but, Officer, if you know.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: You're kind of</p> <p>8 confusing me with what you're</p> <p>9 asking.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. That's fine. Was there an officer</p> <p>12 involved shooting investigation done with</p> <p>13 regards to the SWAT unit activities on</p> <p>14 June 4, 2021?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>16 objection, but, Officer, if you</p> <p>17 know.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. And you were interviewed by the</p> <p>21 officer involved shooting team, correct?</p> <p>22 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Besides that occasion, have you</p> <p>24 ever been involved by the officer involved</p>

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1 shooting team?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
3 objection, but, Officer, if you  
4 know.

5 THE WITNESS: Are you asking  
6 me have I been interviewed by OISI  
7 previous to this or after this, like  
8 have I --

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. On any occasion.

11 A. Yes, I have.

12 Q. All right. How many times?

13 A. Twice.

14 Q. Okay. Please describe in general terms  
15 what those two other instances were?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
17 form.

18 THE WITNESS: Well, one is  
19 this one and the other one would be  
20 we were serving a warrant and  
21 basically while conducting the  
22 warrant for a homicide suspect he  
23 started shooting through the door  
24 and my colleagues returned fire.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. You do understand what I'm saying, that  
3 there's a grievance process where if a member  
4 of the public feels there's been an incident  
5 they can make a complaint. Have you ever had  
6 such a complaint?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
8 objection, but, Officer, if you  
9 know.

10 THE WITNESS: Not that I'm  
11 aware of. I don't know.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection  
14 today of the June 4, 2021 warrant enforcement  
15 action at 4664 Torresdale Avenue?

16 A. I have some.

17 Q. Okay. And did you have a chance to  
18 review any documents, photographs, or videos  
19 in preparation for today's testimony?

20 A. Just my statement.

21 Q. Okay. And that's the investigation  
22 interview record provided to OISI, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So you read that statement to prepare

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. So you've been involved by the  
3 officer involved shooting team a total of two  
4 times?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 form, but, Officer.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Or is it a total of three times?

9 A. Just two. I've been interviewed down  
10 there twice.

11 Q. Okay. The other incident, was that  
12 before or after the shooting that we're --

13 A. That was after.

14 Q. Have you ever been interviewed by  
15 Internal Affairs?

16 A. In reference to this job?

17 Q. This or any other incident.

18 A. Through my career, yes.

19 Q. Okay. Have you ever received any  
20 public complaints?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
22 form, but, Officer, if you know.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
24 I can't --

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1 yourself for today's deposition?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And is that the only material that you  
4 reviewed?

5 A. That's the only thing that I reviewed.

6 Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of anything  
7 known as the knock and announce rule?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 form, but, Officer, if you know.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have  
11 heard.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. And in your experience, what is  
14 the knock and announce rule?

15 A. In my experience in being a SWAT,  
16 before we breached the door or anything we'll  
17 knock and announce, let the occupants know  
18 that it's the police. Not only just the  
19 occupants, we like to be as loud as possible  
20 to like wake the neighborhood up so there is  
21 no misrepresentation that the police are at  
22 the door.

23 Q. Okay. Is it your understanding that  
24 one of the purposes of the knock and announce

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1 rule is to provide any occupants of the  
2 building an opportunity to voluntarily  
3 surrender?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
5 form. Officer, you can answer if  
6 you can.

7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry,  
8 repeat that question again?

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. So when would you use the knock  
11 and announce rule?

12 A. Every time we're serving a warrant.

13 Q. And that's at a residence, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
15 form, but, Officer if you know.

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah. At a  
17 residence or if -- yeah, exactly,  
18 at a residence.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. And you received training from the  
21 Philadelphia Police Department as far as what  
22 the knock and announce rule is?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And did you receive additional

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1 just something that the Philadelphia Police  
2 Department likes to do?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
4 objection.

5 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal  
8 knowledge if the knock and announce rule is a  
9 constitutional requirement?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
11 objection.

12 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. Is your only knowledge as to  
15 what the knock and announce rule training  
16 that you've received from the Philadelphia  
17 Police Department?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection  
19 to form, but, Officer, if you know.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes. I would  
21 say that's basically we're told to  
22 knock and announce, give a  
23 reasonable amount of time depending  
24 on the circumstances and breach the

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1 training with regards to what the knock and  
2 announce rule is from the SWAT unit?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
4 form, but, Officer, if you know.

5 THE WITNESS: When you say  
6 rule, like is it -- so basically  
7 we're taught to knock and announce  
8 before we go inside any residence,  
9 that's basically our training, we  
10 knock and announce, we give them --  
11 it comes down to the supervisor, the  
12 supervisor a reasonable amount of  
13 time and then, boom, we breach the  
14 door, so...

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Do you know why there's a knock and  
17 announce rule?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
19 form, but, Officer, you can answer  
20 if you know.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, is the knock  
24 and announce rule a legal obligation or is it

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1 door.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. And then let me try to clarify  
4 this next question. So I take it that you  
5 received training from the police academy  
6 and --

7 A. No.

8 Q. You never received any training from  
9 the police academy?

10 A. From knock and announcing?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. No, that's a totally different thing.

13 Q. Okay. Fine. So you received no  
14 training with regards to knock and announce  
15 from the police academy, correct?

16 A. No. Not that I'm aware of, no.

17 Q. Okay. Where did you receive training  
18 about the knock and announce rule?

19 A. When you join SWAT you have to go  
20 through a whole different training that lasts  
21 for a couple months.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That's where, most of the times where  
24 knock and announce is used and SWAT, we were

1 the guys serving the warrant so that's where  
2 we receive the training from knock and  
3 announce, how to properly breach doors, our  
4 tactics and things like that.

5 Q. So was that the first time you'd ever  
6 heard of the knock and announce rule, when  
7 you went through the SWAT unit training?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 form, but, Officer, if you know.

10 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
11 I'm not going to guess.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection  
14 today of having ever heard of the knock and  
15 announce rule prior to SWAT unit training?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
17 objection, but, Officer, if you  
18 know.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Not that you can recall today, correct?

22 A. Not that I can recall.

23 Q. Okay. So when you did get to the SWAT  
24 unit and you did get SWAT unit training, what

1 Q. Okay. He's sort of a senior guy,  
2 right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And he was part of this warrant  
5 enforcement operation back on June 4, 2020,  
6 right?

7 A. Was he? Do you have like -- I don't  
8 want to say yeah and he wasn't.

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Just if you  
10 recall.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. You don't remember. Okay. But in any  
14 case, he was a member of the SWAT unit and  
15 that was true back in June, 2021, as well,  
16 right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Sir, I can represent to you that  
19 he was, just as a point of reference, he was  
20 deposed earlier today and he said that under  
21 the knock and announce rule you should wait  
22 at least 45 seconds after knocking before  
23 entering a property. Is that consistent with  
24 your training?

1 were you told specifically about the knock  
2 and announce rule?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
4 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: A reasonable  
6 amount of time depending on the  
7 circumstances.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. And how much time were you told was  
10 considered a reasonable amount of time?

11 A. That's debatable. I don't know. It  
12 depends on the situation and what's going on.

13 Q. Were you given any guidance,  
14 whatsoever, as far as what was considered a  
15 reasonable amount of time?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
17 form.

18 THE WITNESS: That would  
19 have to fall back on the supervisor.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. For reference, you know an  
22 Officer Scott who's been with the SWAT unit  
23 since about 1994, right?

24 A. Yes.

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form, but, Officer, if you know.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

4 I mean, like I said, it all goes  
5 back to the supervisor. If the  
6 supervisor gives me the go ahead to  
7 breach then I'm breaching. As the  
8 breacher you just don't walk up and  
9 breach the door, the supervisor will  
10 tell you, hey, look, start the knock  
11 and announce, start the knock and  
12 announce, and then when it comes  
13 down to it he'll give the go ahead  
14 to breach and take it from there.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Okay. So would it be accurate then to  
17 say that testifying today you have no idea  
18 what would be considered a reasonable time  
19 under the knock and announce rule?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection  
21 to form. Go ahead, Officer.

22 THE WITNESS: It depends on  
23 the circumstances. Like, I mean,  
24 yeah, it depends. Like if, let's

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1 say for instance, you knock on the  
 2 door one time and you see through  
 3 the window and the guy's loading up  
 4 a gun, are you going to continue to  
 5 knock? Every situation is  
 6 different.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. What if you were executing a  
 9 warrant and there were no exigent  
 10 circumstances and you knocked on the door and  
 11 you didn't hear anything, how long should you  
 12 wait before breaching?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 14 form.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Again, it  
 16 depends on the supervisor. I mean,  
 17 it depends. Like I can't give you  
 18 an exact second countdown because it  
 19 could be 20 seconds, it could be  
 20 45 seconds, it could be ten seconds.  
 21 It varies.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. Would hearing a dog bark inside  
 24 of a home change the amount of time you

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1 should wait under the knock and announce  
 2 rule?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 4 form, but, Officer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
 6 I don't know.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. You said you could wait as  
 9 little as ten seconds?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 11 form. Officer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, if  
 13 exigent circumstances or something  
 14 to that nature, yeah, possibly.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. What would you consider to be exigent  
 17 circumstances that would allow you to breach  
 18 a door only ten seconds after knocking?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 20 form. Officer, you can answer if  
 21 you can.  
 22 THE WITNESS: If we get  
 23 entail that the guy is wanted for  
 24 murder, possibly armed, stuff like

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1 that.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. So if you were told that you were  
 4 executing a warrant at the residence of a  
 5 person suspected of murder, then would that  
 6 automatically cause you to wait less time  
 7 under the knock and announce rule?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 9 form. Officer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: It depends.  
 11 It depends on the supervisor. All  
 12 this goes back to, not to sound  
 13 like, but it goes back to when the  
 14 supervisor feels as though we should  
 15 go into the house.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. Sir, you've been a police  
 18 officer now with the Philadelphia Police  
 19 Department for almost 12 years, right?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 Q. Okay. Every single time that you've  
 22 knocked on someone's door, has a supervisor  
 23 been standing over your shoulder telling you  
 24 what to do?

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1 A. Yes. In SWAT, yes.  
 2 Q. So you haven't been provided enough  
 3 training to know how to carry out the knock  
 4 and announce rule on your own without a  
 5 supervisor directly telling you what to do at  
 6 all times, correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 8 the form, particularly the  
 9 characterization. Officer.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Is that correct or is it not correct?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And same  
 13 objection, but, Officer, you can  
 14 answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No, that's not  
 16 correct. Normal patrol and SWAT has  
 17 different tactics. Like it's two  
 18 different animals. When it's in  
 19 SWAT a supervisor is right there  
 20 with you all the time. Patrol, when  
 21 it comes to knock and announcing,  
 22 you're not really serving warrants  
 23 in patrol really for the most part.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:



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1 Q. Did you receive any training as to what  
2 the knock and announce rule was while you  
3 were a patrol officer before you joined SWAT?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
5 form, particularly as asked and  
6 answered. Go ahead, Officer.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't  
8 recall. I don't.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. Because I think you just  
11 testified as to what a patrol officer would  
12 do under the knock and announce rule and I'm  
13 just wondering what your basis for that  
14 testimony was.

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form. Officer, you can answer  
17 again.

18 THE WITNESS: As a patrol  
19 officer, when it comes to warrants,  
20 they really don't serve warrants for  
21 the most part, they usually call  
22 SWAT. So most of my knock and  
23 announce, breaching tactics, all  
24 that came from SWAT.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But patrol officers still do  
3 need to serve warrants on occasion, correct?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
5 form, but, Officer, if you know.

6 THE WITNESS: I guess so. I  
7 guess.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. When you were a patrol officer prior to  
10 joining the SWAT, didn't you have to serve  
11 warrants on occasion?

12 A. Yeah, I assisted SWAT. Like actual  
13 homicide warrants and stuff like that, yeah.

14 Q. Okay. And in order to do your job,  
15 didn't you have to know what the knock and  
16 announce rule was?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form.

19 THE WITNESS: So when patrol  
20 officers are assisting SWAT, you're  
21 nowhere around SWAT, they leave you  
22 down the block and then once they  
23 secure the house, then they bring  
24 you up. So when it comes to patrol

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1 officers assisting SWAT and serving  
2 warrants, you don't even come in  
3 front of the house until we're done.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Is it your experience having been both  
6 a patrol officer with the Philadelphia Police  
7 Department and a member of the SWAT unit with  
8 the Philadelphia Police Department that the  
9 SWAT unit waits a less amount of time before  
10 breaching a property under the knock and  
11 announce rule?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 the form of the question. Officer,  
14 if you understand you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't  
16 understand the question.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. So you saw the knock and  
19 announce rule used while you were a patrol  
20 officer, right?

21 A. I don't -- like I don't understand what  
22 you're asking.

23 Q. Okay. So you previously testified that  
24 while you were a patrol officer you were

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1 involved in some warrant enforcement actions,  
2 correct?

3 A. To assist SWAT, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And in those operations, was the  
5 knock and announce rule followed?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
7 form, but, Officer, if you know.

8 THE WITNESS: I don't know,  
9 I wasn't in SWAT at the time. Like  
10 I said, when patrol works with SWAT  
11 we tell them to wait down the  
12 street. What SWAT does is what SWAT  
13 does. Now, when I joined SWAT and  
14 got the training on how to breach  
15 and everything like that, that's  
16 when the whole you got to knock and  
17 announce your presence, that's when  
18 all that came into play.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. Under the knock and announce  
21 rule, when you knock and announce your  
22 presence, are you required to give the  
23 occupants of the structure enough time to  
24 voluntarily surrender the structure?



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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form, but, Officer, if you know.  
3 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. So how would you do that?  
6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
7 form. Officer, you can answer.  
8 THE WITNESS: How would I  
9 give him enough time to come to the  
10 door and open the door?  
11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. Yes.  
13 A. You knock and announce, keep knocking  
14 to announce, and like I said, a reasonable  
15 amount of time, if they don't come to the  
16 door then we go in.  
17 Q. So how would you determine if you had  
18 waited long enough that the person had a  
19 reasonable opportunity to come to the door?  
20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
21 form. Officer, you can answer.  
22 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. You didn't have any sort of general

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1 time that you would try to follow or anything  
2 like that?  
3 A. Not that I'm aware of.  
4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And  
5 objection for the record.  
6 BY MR. WEST:  
7 Q. And you definitely never received any  
8 training from the Philadelphia Police  
9 Department about providing a certain amount  
10 of time or anything like that, correct?  
11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And  
12 objection to form.  
13 THE WITNESS: Like I said,  
14 not that I'm aware of.  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. Okay. Have you ever been involved in  
17 reconnaissance as part of the SWAT unit?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Okay. And were you involved in the  
20 reconnaissance of the Torresdale Avenue  
21 property?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. You were?  
24 A. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. Okay. Who did it with you?  
2 A. Do you have paperwork? I don't --  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: It's just  
4 if you recall.  
5 THE WITNESS: Oh, I don't  
6 recall. I know I did go out there  
7 and put eyes on it.  
8 BY MR. WEST:  
9 Q. Okay. Is there any sort of paperwork  
10 that would record who you did that with?  
11 A. Yes. Our recon sheets.  
12 Q. Okay.  
13 A. Oh, you got one there.  
14 Q. All right, sir, so I'm going to show  
15 you a document which was marked earlier today  
16 as Scott-5. These documents are Bates  
17 stamped from defense 72 to 76. And what I'd  
18 ask you to do is take a moment to review  
19 these documents and let me know when you've  
20 had a chance to do that?  
21 A. Yeah. Good.  
22 Q. Okay. What is this?  
23 A. What is this?  
24 Q. Yes.

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1 A. Oh, our recon sheet. Basically, it's a  
2 packet of information on the target, the  
3 location, who has what assignment that we  
4 give out during our briefing.  
5 Q. Were you involved in the briefing for  
6 this operation?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Who did the briefing, you and who else?  
9 A. No, I didn't do the briefing.  
10 Q. I'm sorry, when you said involved, you  
11 mean that you were present?  
12 A. I was there present during the  
13 briefing, yes.  
14 Q. Okay. So who did the briefing for this  
15 operation?  
16 A. It had to be one of the supervisors,  
17 I'm not sure which one.  
18 Q. All right. Do you have any specific  
19 recollection of the briefing at this time?  
20 A. No.  
21 Q. Okay. All right. So my understanding  
22 is that the first two pages, defense 72 and  
23 73, are normally a one-page of a two-sided  
24 document; is that correct?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>2 form, but, Officer, if you know.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. I'm going to reask the question just in</p> <p>6 case the objection is correct. Are the first</p> <p>7 two pages of this packet normally a single</p> <p>8 two-sided page?</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>10 objection, but, Officer, you can</p> <p>11 answer if you know.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Now, the other pages in this</p> <p>15 packet, it's three additional pages, are they</p> <p>16 normally part of the reconnaissance packet?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection</p> <p>18 for the record, but go ahead,</p> <p>19 Officer.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yes. We</p> <p>21 always have a map, you know, a</p> <p>22 picture of our target and a picture</p> <p>23 of the property.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 Q. So this map is not very good quality,</p> <p>2 but I believe it's the same quality that was</p> <p>3 provided to us. Do you know where this map</p> <p>4 came from?</p> <p>5 A. Yeah. We make the map.</p> <p>6 Q. How?</p> <p>7 A. Well, first we choose a staging area</p> <p>8 where we're going to stage and then we go to</p> <p>9 Google Maps or some type of map program and</p> <p>10 we actually draw the route from our staging</p> <p>11 area to the location.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. But the underlying map, I'm not</p> <p>13 really asking about the drawing, I'm just</p> <p>14 asking about the underlying map, itself, do</p> <p>15 you know where this came from? Did it come</p> <p>16 from Google Maps or something else?</p> <p>17 A. I'll say Google Maps.</p> <p>18 Q. Is that what you usually use, Google</p> <p>19 Maps?</p> <p>20 A. Yeah, we use Google Maps.</p> <p>21 Q. And is this the only Google Maps image</p> <p>22 that you used as part of the reconnaissance?</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>24 form, but, Officer, if you know.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 Q. Besides these pages that we have</p> <p>2 stapled together as Scott-5, were there any</p> <p>3 additional documents as part of the</p> <p>4 reconnaissance package for the warrant</p> <p>5 enforcement action at 4664 Torresdale Avenue?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>7 form, but, Officer, if you know.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: This is</p> <p>9 usually the packet that we get. It</p> <p>10 contains like I said, the recon</p> <p>11 sheet, the map, the target, and the</p> <p>12 picture of the property.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. So as far as you're aware, this was the</p> <p>15 complete packet, correct?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And if we look to the bottom of</p> <p>18 the second page in this packet, page 73, this</p> <p>19 memorializes that the reconnaissance was done</p> <p>20 by yourself and Sergeant Mellody; is that</p> <p>21 correct?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct.</p> <p>23 Q. Was it just the two of you who did it?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's in</p> <p>2 the packet, it's the only one.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Now, from this Google Map, this</p> <p>5 is kind of a birds-eye view, it's far enough</p> <p>6 away that you can't really see the specific</p> <p>7 property; is that correct</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>9 form. Officer.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: It is a</p> <p>11 birds-eye view, yes. Top down.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. As part of the reconnaissance, would</p> <p>14 you ever look at Google Maps of the specific</p> <p>15 target property?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Is there any reason you didn't do that</p> <p>18 for this operation?</p> <p>19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>20 form, but, Officer.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: We did. It's</p> <p>22 right here.</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. It's not a very good quality,</p>

1 but this target photo, you think that's from  
2 Google Maps?

3 A. Yes. I believe that's from Google  
4 Maps. And then, that's why we also go out  
5 and put eyes on it. So sometimes you'll have  
6 Google Maps won't be updated for the most  
7 part, so sometimes the property could be  
8 different, whatever the case may be, so  
9 that's why we also go out and put eyes on it  
10 to make sure what we're seeing matches what  
11 Google Maps has.

12 Q. Is there anywhere in this recon sheet  
13 that memorializes that any sort of in-person  
14 inspection of the property was done?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form, but, Officer, if you know.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't  
18 understand.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Well, you said you put eyes on it,  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That means that you go out in person or  
24 not?

1 A. Yeah. We go out in person, yes.

2 Q. Is there anywhere on this document that  
3 records that anyone actually went out there  
4 in person?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Where?

7 A. Right at the bottom where it says recon  
8 conducted by Clark and Sergeant Mellody.

9 Q. Okay. And reconnaissance is the whole  
10 thing, by looking at the Google Maps, as  
11 well, right?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 form, but, Officer.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. So besides that notation recon, is  
17 there anything in here that specifically  
18 shows that you and/or Sergeant Mellody  
19 actually went to the property?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
21 objection, but, Officer, if you can.

22 THE WITNESS: So you're  
23 asking if it's anything recorded  
24 that basically says that we went out

1 there?

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Uh-huh.

4 A. I mean, our names is enough. I mean, I  
5 guess so. I mean, our names are at the  
6 bottom so we went out and reconned it.

7 Q. Did you take any pictures while you  
8 were out there in person?

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. Do you have any written recollections  
11 that are from being there in person?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 form, but, Officer, if you  
14 understand.

15 THE WITNESS: Not that I'm  
16 aware of.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. Do you specifically have any  
19 recollection today of actually having been  
20 there in person?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How did you get there?

23 A. What do you mean how did I get there?

24 Q. How did you get there? If you were

1 there in person, how did you get there?

2 A. We drove there.

3 Q. Where did you drive from?

4 A. Our headquarters.

5 Q. What road did you take?

6 A. We just drove from our headquarters to  
7 put eyes on it to recon it.

8 Q. What road did you take to get there?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 the form as asked and answered.  
11 Officer.

12 THE WITNESS: I don't  
13 remember. We drove from  
14 headquarters.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. All right. Based on your  
17 reconnaissance, how many outside doors were  
18 there to 4664 Torresdale Avenue?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 the form of the question. Officer,  
21 you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: If this  
23 picture was clearer I could tell  
24 you, but I don't remember.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But so far as you are aware,  
3 based on your memory and review of these  
4 documents, the only doors to the outside of  
5 the property would be recorded in the  
6 photograph at defense 75, right?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
8 form. Officer, if you know.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. And no other doors were  
12 discovered during the reconnaissance of this  
13 property, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
15 form. Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: On the front  
17 or the rear location, is that what  
18 you're asking?

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. I'm asking any outside doors to this  
21 building.

22 A. Yeah. Eventually we found one in the  
23 rear.

24 Q. But not as part of reconnaissance,

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1 correct?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. That is correct, right?

4 A. That is correct. We went out, you have  
5 to look at the rear of the house and you have  
6 to look at the front of the house.

7 Q. Okay. As part of the reconnaissance,  
8 did you know that there was a rear door?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 form. Officer, if you recall.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. Where is that written down on  
14 this recon sheet?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form. Officer, if you know.

17 THE WITNESS: It's not going  
18 to be written down here. We're  
19 going to tell our rear containment  
20 where the rear door is. Actually,  
21 if you look, this map is kind of  
22 unclear, but basically, this map  
23 tells us where -- it tells everybody  
24 where the positions are. If you

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1 look and see where that R is, if you  
2 can see it on the map. You probably  
3 can't see. I can point it out to  
4 you if you want me to.

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: You can  
6 just describe it for now, Officer.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So if  
8 you see where it says R, basically  
9 that tells our rear containment  
10 where to go because there's a door  
11 back there. Now, if there wasn't a  
12 door back there, like they can't get  
13 out, then we wouldn't put our rear  
14 containment back there.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. When you went out and inspected the  
17 property in person, did you look at the rear  
18 door?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You did?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you take a photograph of the rear  
23 door?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Why not?

2 A. Why should I?

3 Q. Well, you knew that the warrant  
4 specified that it was for the rear, right?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 form. Officer, if you know.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, so the  
8 way this property was set up, the  
9 way the property was set up, there  
10 was two mailboxes on the front of  
11 the house, so what I can recall is,  
12 okay, this must be one of those  
13 properties, because we seen it all  
14 before, there's going to be stairs  
15 that shoot up and then there's going  
16 to be a first-floor apartment.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. You knew that there was a rear door to  
19 the building, correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
21 form and as asked and answered.  
22 Officer.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. And you knew that the warrant specified  
2 that it was to the rear apartment, correct?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
4 form. Officer, if you know.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. You can just answer the question I'm  
7 asking. You knew that, correct?

8 A. Yes. But --

9 Q. Okay. There's no pending question.  
10 Since you knew that the warrant was  
11 specifically for the rear apartment and you  
12 knew that there was a rear door, did it occur  
13 to you that the entrance for the rear  
14 apartment might be the rear door?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form.

17 THE WITNESS: No. Because  
18 there were two mailboxes on the  
19 front of the property and no mailbox  
20 on the back of the property, so we  
21 just assumed that that was just,  
22 okay, a rear door that somebody can  
23 get out of.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. In your experience, that's not  
3 considered important; is that correct?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
5 objection. Officer.

6 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. All right. So you're aware of the fact  
9 that if somebody is on probation, that means  
10 that somebody from the probation parole  
11 office has inspected the residence of the  
12 probation person, right?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
14 form. Officer, if you know.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't know,  
16 that's just an assumption.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. You never received any training about  
19 that?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
21 objection.

22 THE WITNESS: That probation  
23 parole goes out and checks the  
24 location of where the person on

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1 Q. Okay. The suspect in this case is  
2 named [REDACTED], correct?

3 A. Uh, let me look at that.

4 Q. I can just represent to you his name is  
5 [REDACTED] Okay?

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Do you know whether or not he was on  
8 probation or parole at the time?

9 A. I don't know.

10 Q. Is that something you would normally  
11 know?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
15 I just know that he's wanted and we  
16 got to go get him, that's it.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. Would it be important to know if  
19 somebody is on probation or parole as part of  
20 reconnaissance for a warrant enforcement  
21 operation?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form. Officer, if you know.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

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1 probation lives?

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Yeah. I heard they did, it don't mean  
5 that they done it. They should go out and do  
6 it, it doesn't mean that they go out and  
7 actually do it.

8 Q. So if you're conducting reconnaissance  
9 on how to enforce a warrant at the home of  
10 somebody who is on probation or patrol,  
11 wouldn't it be a good idea to call the  
12 probation officer and ask the probation  
13 officer if they know how to enter the  
14 person's residence?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form. Officer.

17 THE WITNESS: That's above  
18 my pay grade. I don't do all that.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. That's not part of reconnaissance?

21 A. That's not me. I'm just the officer,  
22 that falls back on the supervisor.

23 Q. Okay. Are you aware of the fact that  
24 we deposed the probation officer in this case



1 and the probation office had records showing  
2 that the only entrance to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment  
3 was through Margaret Street. Did you know  
4 that?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 the form of the question and the  
7 characterization, but, Officer.

8 THE WITNESS: I did not know  
9 that.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. If someone had told you that the  
12 probation officer had been to the property  
13 and recorded that the only entrance was  
14 through Margaret Street, would that  
15 information have affected your reconnaissance  
16 in any way, whatsoever?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
18 objections, but Officer.

19 THE WITNESS: Absolutely.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. How would it have affected your  
22 reconnaissance?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
24 objections.

1 THE WITNESS: If you got  
2 information from the parole officer  
3 saying that oh, this is how you get  
4 into his property, then we would  
5 know that okay, instead of stacking  
6 up on the front of the property  
7 where we thought that was the  
8 entrance we would have just stacked  
9 up in the rear where the apartment  
10 was.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. I will provide you with a copy  
13 of a document previously marked as Scott-3.  
14 So this is the Exhibit-3 from the deposition  
15 of Officer Scott earlier today. So I mean,  
16 it says Google Maps at the top of this  
17 document. Do you recognize what this is a  
18 Google Map image of?

19 A. Yep. This is a top down view of the  
20 property. It shows where you can get to the  
21 rear of the property and it shows the front  
22 of the property.

23 Q. Okay. Sir, I can represent to you that  
24 I asked Officer Scott if he was doing

1 reconnaissance and he knew that the probation  
2 office had learned that the entrance to Mr.  
3 [REDACTED] property was off Margaret Street, he  
4 would have recommended entering the  
5 property -- this is his handwriting, the  
6 yellow arrow.

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Would you have done the same thing?

9 A. Absolutely.

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And same  
11 set of objections for the record.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. All right. So is it accurate to say  
14 that if you had learned that the probation  
15 office had determined that the entry to  
16 [REDACTED] apartment was off Margaret  
17 Street, you would have recommended entering  
18 the property, in order to enforce the warrant  
19 to capture Mr. [REDACTED] in the same manner as  
20 indicated on Scott-3, through the area  
21 indicated by his pink marking?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
23 objections.

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would

1 have done the same thing. That is  
2 because we know, we have  
3 information that, okay, this is  
4 where our target is so we wouldn't  
5 even have went through the front if  
6 he would have had that information.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. All right. I know this is annoying,  
9 but let me reask that question just because I  
10 think I misstated it. So looking at Scott-3,  
11 is this the same path of entry that you would  
12 have recommended as the reconnaissance for  
13 the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property had you  
14 known that the probation parole office had  
15 determined that the entry to Mr. [REDACTED]  
16 apartment was off Margaret Street?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
18 objections. Officer.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes. When we  
20 do a recon of any property we look  
21 at the front and we look at the  
22 rear, so if we would have had  
23 information that his apartment is in  
24 the rear, that you get through



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1 through Margaret Street, then that's  
2 how we would have entered the  
3 property.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Okay. Did you look at this Google Map  
6 image or a similar one as part of your  
7 reconnaissance?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 the form, but, Officer, if you know.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. And so you knew that there was a rear  
13 entrance to the property off Margaret Street,  
14 correct?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 the form and asked and answered.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Did you, as part of your  
20 reconnaissance, investigate whether there  
21 might be a door to enter the property off  
22 Margaret Street?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
24 objections. Officer.

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1 THE WITNESS: So what I  
2 recall, we reconned it, we went back  
3 there and we had to count how many  
4 houses down off the corner of the  
5 property so we could set up our rear  
6 containment just in case somebody  
7 bails out.

8 So I would say since I  
9 believe that in front of the  
10 property there's two mailboxes, so  
11 the properties, numerous properties  
12 that we had apartments set up like  
13 that and we see two mailboxes, you  
14 wouldn't think that, okay, that the  
15 entrance to the second floor  
16 apartment is in the rear because the  
17 mailbox is not there, it's on the  
18 front of the property.

19 So we were expecting --  
20 well, what I was expecting when I  
21 breached the door, that we go in,  
22 there was going to be probably a  
23 door to the right where there's the  
24 first-floor apartment and then a set

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1 of steps we had to go up to get to  
2 the second floor.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. But did you at least consider the  
5 possibility that the rear apartment entrance  
6 was through the rear door?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
8 form and asked and answered. Go  
9 ahead, Officer.

10 THE WITNESS: No. Because  
11 like I said, the way the property  
12 was set up the two front mailboxes  
13 that were on the front of the  
14 property, I mean, that would make  
15 anybody assume that okay, this is  
16 the front door to get to both  
17 apartments and the back door was  
18 just the back door.

19 MR. WEST: Okay. I don't  
20 really mean to just only reuse Scott  
21 exhibits.

22 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Well, I was speaking to your attorney

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1 really, but they're just at hand.

2 A. Oh.

3 Q. But I'm going to use here Scott  
4 Exhibit-2, another exhibit from earlier  
5 today.

6 A. Thank you.

7 Q. If you can just look at this document  
8 and tell me what it is if you know?

9 A. It looks like a rear of a property.  
10 It's not a very good picture.

11 Q. Is this the rear of the 4664 Torresdale  
12 Avenue property?

13 A. You know what, I don't recall.

14 Q. Are you sure you ever actually saw it?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Okay. But you don't remember if this  
20 is what it looks like?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Did the rear of the property look like  
23 this or different or you don't recall?

24 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. So when the door to Ms. Alvarado's  
2 apartment was ultimately breached, you're the  
3 one who was using the ram, correct? Well,  
4 let me ask. So without looking at the  
5 records, I'm really just asking based on your  
6 personal memory. Do you even remember if he  
7 did that?

8 A. I don't recall, that's why I was trying  
9 to see if he detailed it on the recon.

10 Q. And that's fine, but just to be clear,  
11 my question was based on your personal  
12 memory. So just to make sure I understand,  
13 today you don't have any personal  
14 recollection of having breached the 4664  
15 Torresdale Avenue door, correct?

16 A. I know I was part of the breaching  
17 team, I don't know if I had the ram or the  
18 halligan because we usually bring multiple  
19 tools.

20 Q. Okay. At some point a dog was shot as  
21 part of this operation, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you, personally, did not view the  
24 dog at the time of the shooting; is that

1 Q. Okay. So was it a pretty normal thing  
2 then that you and Sergeant Mellody would do  
3 reconnaissance together?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
5 form.

6 THE WITNESS: It depends.  
7 Other guys would go out. It  
8 depends. It depends on the night.  
9 It could be other officers that go  
10 out, it could be other supervisors  
11 that go out, it just depends.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. I can represent to you that in Sergeant  
14 Mellody's investigation interview record he  
15 said that Police Officer Eric Clark, you took  
16 the door with a ram. Does that refresh your  
17 recollection if you had the ram or the  
18 halligan tool?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form but, Officer, if you can.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes. Then,  
22 yeah, if I took the door I had the  
23 ram, yes.

24 BY MR. WEST:

1 correct?

2 A. No.

3 Q. You didn't see it when the dog got  
4 shot, right?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So you wouldn't know personally if  
7 Officer Song was bitten or anything like  
8 that, correct?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 form.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. It is correct or not correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
15 objection. Officer, if you know.

16 THE WITNESS: I didn't see  
17 it, no.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Had you ever done reconnaissance with  
20 Sergeant Mellody prior to this incident?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How many times? Can you give an  
23 estimate or an approximation?

24 A. I'd say more than ten times.

1 Q. Okay. And I'm just asking if it  
2 refreshes your recollection. Do you now  
3 remember doing it or you're not sure?

4 A. Yeah. Well, actually, I was going to  
5 point out, in one of the questions it says  
6 the dog was barking, I announced and yelled  
7 dog as I breached the front door, so I'm  
8 assuming I had the -- not assuming, I had the  
9 ram.

10 Q. Okay. Why did you breach the door?

11 A. I got the go ahead from the supervisor  
12 to breach the door.

13 Q. Did you knock on the door?

14 A. I don't know. I don't know if I did  
15 both or I had my partner knock on the door  
16 while I stood on standby with the ram.

17 Q. All right. Is it fair to say that you  
18 have no specific recollection of the door  
19 being knocked on at this time, correct?

20 A. No.

21 Q. It is correct or no?

22 A. Or who knocked on the door, rather I  
23 did or my partner did.

24 Q. Do you have any specific recollection

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1 of anyone knocking on the door at this time?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 form. Officer.  
 4 WITNESS: I don't know.  
 5 Like I said, I don't know if I did  
 6 or my partner did, but the door was  
 7 knocked on. I don't know who did  
 8 it, if I did it or my partner did  
 9 it.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. Do you actually remember someone  
 12 knocking on the door at this time or are you  
 13 just assuming it happened?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 15 objection.  
 16 THE WITNESS: No. We  
 17 knocked on the door, I'm just not  
 18 sure who did it.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. How much time passed between the door  
 21 being knocked on and you breaching it with  
 22 the ram?  
 23 A. I don't know. Maybe a couple seconds,  
 24 maybe. I'm not sure.

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1 Q. A couple seconds?  
 2 A. I would say maybe ten seconds. I don't  
 3 know.  
 4 Q. So ten or less seconds, correct?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 6 the form. Officer, if you know and  
 7 do not guess.  
 8 THE WITNESS: I'm not going  
 9 to guess so I don't know.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Why was the door breached at that time?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 13 form. Asked and answered. Officer,  
 14 you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: The door was  
 16 breached because the supervisor gave  
 17 me the go ahead to breach the door.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Were there any sort of exigent  
 20 circumstances at that time or any particular  
 21 reason why the door would be breached at the  
 22 time it was?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 24 objection. Officer, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: You gotta ask  
 2 the supervisor that. Like he gives  
 3 the go ahead.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. But you're not personally aware  
 6 of any exigent circumstances, correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 8 objection.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Not that I can  
 10 recall.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. All right. I would like to show you  
 13 the video. We don't have the advanced  
 14 technology to record that I'm showing you the  
 15 video, but whatever, it will be fine for the  
 16 written record. All right. Have you ever  
 17 seen the video of this incident?  
 18 A. No.  
 19 Q. Do you have any idea how a video of  
 20 this incident was recorded?  
 21 A. No.  
 22 Q. Did you even know that a video of this  
 23 incident was recorded until I just said it?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to

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1 form. Officer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: No.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. All right, sir, so I can represent to  
 5 you that this video was provided to us by the  
 6 City of Philadelphia as part of the discovery  
 7 responses. For the sake of the record, this  
 8 has been -- the title of this video is  
 9 A10\_20210604053500\_001 and it's a video.  
 10 I'll leave it at that. So I'm going to  
 11 forward the video to the two minute and 10  
 12 second mark. So for the record, the video is  
 13 frozen at this time, it's at the 2 minute 10  
 14 second mark. And Officer Clark, can you see  
 15 that there are members of the SWAT unit  
 16 assembled in front of the 4664 Torresdale  
 17 Avenue property in this screen shot?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. Okay. So I'm going to play the video  
 20 from the 2 minute 10 second mark and I'm  
 21 going to ask you to tell me to pause if at  
 22 any point you can see that anyone knocks on  
 23 the door. Okay?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And

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1 objection to form, but, Officer, if  
 2 you can observe.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Sure.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. So I paused the video at two  
 6 minutes and twenty-two seconds. Can you see  
 7 that there's a figure kind of hunched in  
 8 front of the door?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. And does that appear to be somebody  
 11 with a ram?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Is that you?  
 14 A. So that is me with the ram and it looks  
 15 like Brian Murray went up to the door first  
 16 so I don't know, I don't recall, he probably  
 17 could have knocked with the halligan, I'm not  
 18 sure, but you could continue playing.  
 19 Q. And you can clearly see that you're  
 20 attempting to breach the door?  
 21 A. Uh-huh.  
 22 Q. All right. And you didn't stop me at  
 23 any point to say that you saw someone knock  
 24 on the door, correct?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And  
 2 objection to form, but, Officer, you  
 3 can answer again.  
 4 THE WITNESS: I said Brian  
 5 Murray walked up so he could have  
 6 knocked a few seconds with the  
 7 halligan and then that's when I  
 8 probably got told to breach the  
 9 door so...  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. At most, that would have been a  
 12 single round of knocking, correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 14 the form, but, Officer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. And at most, that would have  
 18 been just a few seconds before the door was  
 19 breached, correct?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 21 objection, but, Officer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Based on your training with the

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1 Philadelphia Police Department, was this  
 2 sufficient as a knock and announce under the  
 3 knock and announce rule?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 5 form and as asked and answered.  
 6 Officer, you can answer again.  
 7 THE WITNESS: I will say  
 8 based on the layout of the property  
 9 where you see two mailboxes in front  
 10 of the property, like I explained  
 11 earlier, you assume that the  
 12 property is going to have another  
 13 door that you got to breach,  
 14 actually, two other doors that you  
 15 got to breach.  
 16 So we've encountered  
 17 properties where you have to go  
 18 through that door and then there's a  
 19 little vestibule, you got to break  
 20 that door down and then you finally  
 21 get into the first floor apartment  
 22 and then another door at the top of  
 23 the steps.  
 24 So I would say based on the

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1 layout of the property and what we  
 2 saw on the reconnaissance and the  
 3 way the mailboxes were set up out  
 4 front, we, you know, did a quick one  
 5 and went in, based on what I'm  
 6 seeing here.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. When you were a member of the  
 9 SWAT unit, were there any other situations  
 10 where you did a quick one on what you thought  
 11 was the outside door?  
 12 A. And we went inside and there was a  
 13 bunch of other doors, yes.  
 14 Q. Okay.  
 15 A. Like I said, for instance, when we hit  
 16 apartment complexes or, you know, we have to  
 17 get through the glass door, there's no point  
 18 in knocking and announcing on that, you got  
 19 to get through the glass door and you have to  
 20 get through the other glass door and then we  
 21 got to go up the elevators and then that's  
 22 when we do our, you know, knock on like the  
 23 apartment complex, whatever the case may be,  
 24 and then we go in. So like I said, every

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1 situation is different.

2 Q. Sure. So what you're seeing on this  
3 video is consistent with the training you  
4 received from the Philadelphia Police  
5 Department as far as to how you should do a  
6 knock and announce, correct?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
8 objections, but, Officer.

9 THE WITNESS: I would say --  
10 it's like a reloaded question. It  
11 depends on the circumstances. I  
12 don't know. I don't know. This is  
13 like -- I don't know. Like this job  
14 is different from any other job.  
15 Every other job is not the same. So  
16 this job, like I said, we assumed  
17 that, you know, we were going to  
18 encounter another door, but we  
19 didn't, it was just an apartment.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. The way that you conducted yourself  
22 with regards to the warrant at the 4664  
23 Torresdale Avenue property, was that  
24 consistent with the knock and announce rule

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1 as you understood it from your training with  
2 the Philadelphia Police Department?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
4 objections. This was asked and  
5 answered and to the form. Officer.

6 THE WITNESS: I don't know  
7 because like I said -- I don't know.  
8 Like you're asking me -- like I'm  
9 not sure what you're asking me.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. When you were a member of the  
12 SWAT unit, have you ever done this before,  
13 you saw a door to a building where you're  
14 enforcing a warrant and you breached the door  
15 after waiting at most a couple seconds?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
17 the form. Object as asked and  
18 answered. Officer, you can answer  
19 again.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay. And did you do that because you  
23 were following the training you received from  
24 the Philadelphia Police Department or were

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1 you doing that for some other reason?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
3 the form. Officer.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, the form  
5 is -- so when you say training from  
6 the Philadelphia Police Department,  
7 it's training from SWAT, like it's a  
8 whole different -- like we don't get  
9 breaching training in the academy,  
10 like that comes when you go to SWAT  
11 and things like that. So when you  
12 say the Philadelphia Police  
13 Department, I'm thinking in my head  
14 like meaning the academy. No, not  
15 the academy. SWAT. That's where I  
16 learned to breach and everything,  
17 from SWAT.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Is the SWAT unit part of the  
20 Philadelphia Police Department?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form.

24 MR. WEST: I'm sorry, can

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1 you read back the last question I  
2 asked, the second to last question.

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4 (Whereupon, the reporter  
5 read back the second to the last  
6 question posed.)

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8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. So, Officer Clark, when you breached  
10 Ms. Alvarado's front door, at most a couple  
11 of seconds after -- how many seconds do you  
12 think it was from -- if you want me to show  
13 the video again I will.

14 A. Okay. You can show the video.

15 Q. Do you have a stopwatch on your watch?

16 A. Well, you can start and stop it.

17 Q. The thing is, you can record this with  
18 a stopwatch if you want. But tell me, how  
19 many seconds is it between somebody knocking  
20 on this door and then you going up and  
21 knocking in Ms. Alvarado's front door with  
22 the ram?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection  
24 to the form. Objection as asked and



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1 answered again. Officer, again, you  
 2 can observe and answer when there's  
 3 a question pending.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. So again, I'm going to start playing  
 6 the video from the 2 minute and 10 second  
 7 mark.  
 8 A. Stop.  
 9 Q. So we're stopped at 02:30.0.  
 10 A. So that took 20 seconds? You said you  
 11 started it at what, 02:10.0?  
 12 Q. Okay. Well, you're clearly not  
 13 beginning go breach the property at the  
 14 02:30.0 mark, correct?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection  
 16 to form. Objection as asked and  
 17 answered. Go ahead, Officer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: So I would go  
 19 back to where you actually see my  
 20 partner go up to the door and that's  
 21 where you can start the timer.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. So Officer Murray walked up to the  
 24 property with a halligan tool, correct?

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1 A. Uh-huh.  
 2 Q. So how do you use a halligan tool?  
 3 A. We actually use it to knock on the door  
 4 or we can use it to pry a screen door off or  
 5 things like that.  
 6 Q. Wouldn't Officer Murray have used the  
 7 halligan tool to pry the door open prior to  
 8 using the ram?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 10 form. But, Officer, if you  
 11 understand.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Repeat that.  
 13 You're saying would he pry the door  
 14 open?  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Yes.  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 18 objection.  
 19 THE WITNESS: If it's like a  
 20 screen door on there.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay.  
 23 A. But we also use the tool to knock on  
 24 doors.

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1 Q. Okay.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And the  
 3 same objection for the record.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. So tell me -- we'll go back to 02:10.0.  
 6 All right. Playing at 02:10.0.  
 7 A. Okay. So Brian goes up to the door.  
 8 Q. Tell me when to stop when you think he  
 9 knocks.  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 11 the form.  
 12 THE WITNESS: So he's up  
 13 there.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. So you think he's knocking at this  
 16 point?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And  
 18 objection for the record, but,  
 19 Officer, if you can observe.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Well, yeah,  
 21 he's up there for a reason so I'm  
 22 assuming he's knocking.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Okay. And this is 02:16.0, right?

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1 A. Uh-huh.  
 2 Q. Push play. Pause. So now it's 02:23.0  
 3 and you are ramming the door open, correct?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 5 objection and asked and answered.  
 6 Go ahead, Officer, if you can.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, about  
 8 to, once I start swinging.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. So at most we've got about seven  
 11 seconds. Does that comply with the  
 12 requirements of the knock and announce rule  
 13 under your understanding pursuant to whatever  
 14 training you've received from the  
 15 Philadelphia Police Department, including the  
 16 SWAT unit?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
 18 objections. Officer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I guess.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. So the policies and procedures of the  
 22 Philadelphia Police Department told you that  
 23 you could breach Ms. Alvarado's apartment  
 24 seven seconds after Officer Murray knocked on



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1 the door, correct?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going  
3 to object to the form and as asked  
4 and answered. Officer, you can  
5 answer again, please.

6 THE WITNESS: So like I  
7 said, every situation is different.  
8 The way the property was laid out  
9 we assumed that, like I said, it was  
10 going to be another door behind it.  
11 Obviously, it wasn't another door.

12 Now, if we had information  
13 where, like earlier you said oh, he  
14 lives in the back, in the rear, then  
15 it probably would be different  
16 because the way the property is laid  
17 out, it's like, all right, it's  
18 going to be one door.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. All right. Sir, if you can please just  
21 answer the question you're asked and I think  
22 you should be able to answer this question  
23 with a yes or no answer. Did the policies  
24 and procedures of the Philadelphia Police

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1 Department tell you that you could ram this  
2 door open seven seconds after Officer Murray  
3 first knocked on the door?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
5 form. Object to asked and answered.  
6 Go ahead, Officer.

7 THE WITNESS: I would say  
8 the way that you're asking the  
9 question -- no. It's a reasonable  
10 amount of time.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Is seven seconds a reasonable amount of  
13 time?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
15 objections.

16 THE WITNESS: Well,  
17 depending on what the supervisor  
18 felt and the layout of the property  
19 that we assumed was going to happen,  
20 that was a reasonable amount of  
21 time.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. So, sir, I'm not really asking you to  
24 answer the question over because I don't

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1 think the question I'm actually trying to get  
2 to has been answered, so let me lay a  
3 foundation. What I'm trying to figure out is  
4 if what you did on that day was in violation  
5 of the policies and procedures of the  
6 Philadelphia Police Department as you  
7 understood them or did you act in compliance  
8 with the policies and procedures of the  
9 Philadelphia Police Department?

10 So with that foundation laid, when you  
11 rammed the front door of the 4664 Torresdale  
12 Avenue property on June 4, 2021, seven  
13 seconds approximately after Officer Murray  
14 first knocked on the door, were you complying  
15 with the policies and procedures of the  
16 Philadelphia Police Department as you  
17 understood them or were you defying those  
18 policies and procedures?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
20 form. Object as asked and  
21 answered. Go ahead and answer.

22 THE WITNESS: I was  
23 complying. BY MR.  
24 WEST:

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1 Q. Was that based on the training that  
2 you'd received as a member of the  
3 Philadelphia Police Department?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
5 objections. Officer.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Was that consistent with the training  
9 that you had received as a member of the  
10 Philadelphia SWAT unit?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
12 objections. Officer.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Was that consistent with the experience  
16 that you personally had as to how a SWAT unit  
17 of the Philadelphia Police Department  
18 regularly conducted warrant enforcement  
19 actions?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
21 objections.

22 THE WITNESS: Like I said,  
23 it depends on the circumstances.  
24 That's not how every job that we do

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1 is handled.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Are you aware of any other member of  
 4 the SWAT unit who was with you that day who  
 5 suggested that anything had been done that  
 6 was in any way inconsistent with the standard  
 7 practice in the Philadelphia Police  
 8 Department?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 10 the form of the question. Officer,  
 11 if you know.  
 12 THE WITNESS: No, I don't  
 13 know.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Was there anything that happened in  
 16 relation to the warrant enforcement operation  
 17 at 4664 Torresdale Avenue that was in any way  
 18 irregular or inconsistent with the normal  
 19 practices of the Philadelphia SWAT unit in  
 20 your experience?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
 22 objections. Officer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Given that you knew that the 4664  
 2 Torresdale Avenue property had a front door  
 3 and a rear door and had multiple apartments  
 4 in it and that your warrant was only for the  
 5 rear apartment, didn't it show reckless  
 6 disregard for the residents of the apartments  
 7 in that building that you did not investigate  
 8 whether or not the proper entrance point was  
 9 through the front door or the rear door?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 11 the form, object to the  
 12 characterization, and object as  
 13 asked and answered. Go ahead,  
 14 Officer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Why not?  
 18 A. Because like I said, there's two  
 19 mailboxes on the front of the property. Who  
 20 gets their mail from the front of the  
 21 property and has to walk all the way back to  
 22 the rear of the property, like, I mean, that  
 23 doesn't make sense. So a reasonable person  
 24 would believe, okay, to get to apartment 1,

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1 it's probably going to say Apartment 1 and  
 2 Apartment 2, they're going to go through the  
 3 front door and go up some steps or go to the  
 4 right, whatever the case may be, whatever the  
 5 case may be. A reasonable person that sees  
 6 two mailboxes -- like I'm pretty sure the  
 7 mailman is not walking to the back of the  
 8 property, he's putting the mail in the front  
 9 mailbox.  
 10 Q. Don't you think it would have been  
 11 reasonable to call the property manager?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object.  
 13 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 14 THE WITNESS: No. No.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Don't you think it would have been  
 17 reasonable to have asked the probation  
 18 officer for the inspection records?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 20 the form. Officer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. But like  
 22 I said, that's not my -- that all  
 23 falls back on the supervisor.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Did you review the property records  
 2 available to the City of Philadelphia for the  
 3 property?  
 4 A. No.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 6 the form.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Are you even aware if the City of  
 9 Philadelphia has a publically available  
 10 website where you can see all of these  
 11 property records?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 14 the form of the question with the  
 15 property records.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. You know that that website exists,  
 18 correct?  
 19 A. Yes. But like I said, that falls back  
 20 on the supervisor.  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 22 objection.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. As part of your reconnaissance, would

1 you ever view the City of Philadelphia  
 2 property records website?  
 3 A. Yes. The supervisor would.  
 4 Q. But as part of the reconnaissance that  
 5 you would do, would you review those records?  
 6 A. No. Unless it was brought up by a  
 7 supervisor saying, hey, there's something  
 8 fishy with this property, then we would.  
 9 Q. Again, I have a document, this also was  
 10 premarked as Scott Exhibit-4. Please look at  
 11 that and let me know if you can identify what  
 12 this is?  
 13 A. That's who owns the property.  
 14 Q. Are you assuming that that's what that  
 15 is just based on reading the words and  
 16 putting in context or do you actually  
 17 recognize what this is?  
 18 A. Yes. It's the City of Philadelphia  
 19 property -- who owns the property.  
 20 Q. Okay. So you're aware of the existence  
 21 of this website, correct?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 23 the form. Officer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Where did you learn about the existence  
 3 of this website?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 5 objection. Officer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I learned  
 7 about it -- I mean, it's common  
 8 knowledge I guess. Is that the  
 9 answer you're looking for?  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. And it didn't come out very well  
 12 in this printout, but on the right side of  
 13 this page -- and normally on the property  
 14 website there's even a map of the property,  
 15 correct?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 17 the form. Officer, if you can tell.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. In your experience, is there normally a  
 21 map of property there?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 23 objection. Officer, if you know.  
 24 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Is there any reason why you don't use  
 3 this information as part of your  
 4 reconnaissance when you were in the SWAT  
 5 unit?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 7 the form. Officer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: We do use it.  
 9 But in prime example, let's say for  
 10 instance, if Google Maps isn't  
 11 updated and it says, let's say, for  
 12 instance, this address is a vacant  
 13 lot, our supervisor will go to the  
 14 City of Philadelphia property thing  
 15 and say okay, this is a property  
 16 here and then we'll go out and sure  
 17 enough they'll be a property there.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Let's use Scott-6. Let me know if you  
 20 recognize what this is a photograph of?  
 21 A. Yep. The front of the property.  
 22 Q. This is the front of the 4664  
 23 Torresdale Avenue property, correct?  
 24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. And on the front of the building  
 2 there's a window, right?  
 3 A. Uh-huh.  
 4 Q. Was the area behind that window  
 5 occupied?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 7 the form. Officer, if you  
 8 understand.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Like are you  
 10 asking is that an apartment?  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Yeah. I'm asking like this window that  
 13 we see in the front of the property, on the  
 14 other side of these windows is there a  
 15 dwelling area where people lived?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 17 objection. Officer, if you know.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Was that dwelling area where  
 21 people lived behind these windows fairly  
 22 described as Apartment 2, second floor rear?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 24 the form of the question. Officer,

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1 if you understand it.  
 2 THE WITNESS: I understand  
 3 it. No. But the way like as you  
 4 can look at the property there's  
 5 this window and then you got an  
 6 upstairs window. So in numerous  
 7 properties that I've been in, this  
 8 front door, it will be a door to the  
 9 left that goes into Apartment 1 and  
 10 then it should have been a flight of  
 11 steps that go up to Apartment 2  
 12 rear. You can like just look at the  
 13 property and any reasonable person  
 14 would believe that.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. So you knew prior to breaching Ms.  
 17 Alvarado's front door that there was an  
 18 occupied first floor apartment, correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 20 the characterization. Officer, you  
 21 can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say  
 23 I knew it was occupied until we went  
 24 in.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. You knew there was a first floor  
 3 apartment, correct?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. Did you at least consider the  
 6 possibility that the door you were breaching  
 7 led to the first floor apartment?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 9 the form of the question and as  
 10 asked and answered. Officer, go  
 11 ahead.  
 12 THE WITNESS: No.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. So all the training that you received  
 15 from the Philadelphia Police Department and  
 16 the SWAT unit, including reconnaissance  
 17 training, hadn't prepared you for the  
 18 possibility that that door might lead to the  
 19 first floor apartment right next to it?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
 21 objections. Officer, you can answer  
 22 again.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No. Because I  
 24 mean, the numerous amount of

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1 apartments that we went in it  
 2 wouldn't be set up like that. And  
 3 also, if that second mailbox wasn't  
 4 up there, that would have made it a  
 5 game changer because all right,  
 6 there's only one mailbox, so where  
 7 is the other mailbox.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Under your understanding of the United  
 10 States Constitution -- let me lay a  
 11 foundation. Do you have to have some  
 12 understanding of the United States  
 13 Constitution in order to be a Philadelphia  
 14 police officer in your experience?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 16 the form. Officer, you can answer  
 17 if you can.  
 18 THE WITNESS: I guess very  
 19 basic, yes.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. So under your understanding of  
 22 the United States Constitution, would the  
 23 warrant that was issued to enter [REDACTED]  
 24 [REDACTED] residence, were you legally allowed to

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1 enter Ms. Alvarado's first floor apartment?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 the form of the question. Officer,  
 4 you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: No. The  
 6 warrant wasn't for the first floor,  
 7 it was for the second floor.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. Did you use any precautions in  
 10 connection with the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 11 enforcement action in order to ensure that  
 12 you did not enter Ms. Alvarado's apartment?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 14 the form of the question. Officer,  
 15 if you understand, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat  
 17 the question?  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Did you use any precautions in  
 20 connection with the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 21 warrant enforcement action in order to ensure  
 22 that you did not illegally enter Ms.  
 23 Alvarado's apartment?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same

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1 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: I would say  
 3 yeah when we went out there and  
 4 reconned it. We went out there and  
 5 looked at the property, made sure  
 6 -- like the two mailboxes were like  
 7 the biggest thing because you would  
 8 think that it will be a first floor  
 9 and a second floor and we would have  
 10 to go through the first floor to get  
 11 to the second floor.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Were there any other precautions that  
 14 you used in order to avoid entering Ms.  
 15 Alvarado's apartment?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 17 objection. Officer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: I would say  
 19 just the reconnaissance.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Why weren't you wearing a body cam?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 23 the form. Officer, if you know.  
 24 THE WITNESS: SWATs not

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1 issued body cams.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge as  
 4 to why the SWAT unit is not issued body cams?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 6 objection, but, Officer, if you  
 7 know.  
 8 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. I think you testified earlier that you  
 11 could hear the dog barking before the  
 12 property was breached, correct?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. What, if any, precautions did you or  
 15 any other members of the SWAT unit use to  
 16 prepare yourself for a possible dog  
 17 encounter?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 19 the form, but, Officer, if you know  
 20 you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: There's no  
 22 precautions. I mean, if the  
 23 property's got a dog in it we still  
 24 got to go in there.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of the  
 3 Philadelphia Police Department having any  
 4 sort of standard operating procedure for dog  
 5 encounters?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 7 the form, but, Officer, if you know.  
 8 THE WITNESS: No.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Did you ever receive any guidance or  
 11 training as a member of the SWAT unit with  
 12 regards to dog encounters?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 14 objection. Officer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Were any tools made available to you or  
 18 any of the other members of the SWAT unit for  
 19 the dog encounter that would prevent a lethal  
 20 encounter?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 22 the form. Officer, if you  
 23 understand, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Were any

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1 tools?  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Let me clarify. Have you ever received  
 4 any training from the Philadelphia Police  
 5 Department, including the SWAT unit, with  
 6 regards to certain tools that have been  
 7 identified as available to be used in dog  
 8 encounters in order to avoid a lethal  
 9 encounter?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 11 the form. Officer, if you know.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. What are those tools?  
 15 A. It depends. You can use OC, you can  
 16 use a taser, you can use -- you can use those  
 17 things, but it wasn't used.  
 18 Q. Okay. So you were aware of the fact  
 19 that tools were available for dog encounters,  
 20 but none of these were ready to be used in  
 21 connection with the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 22 operation, correct?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 24 the form, particularly



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1 characterization, but, Officer, go  
2 ahead.  
3 THE WITNESS: I'm going to  
4 say no. I mean, we're already  
5 stacked up on the door and ready to  
6 go in, we're not going to stop and  
7 say -- we can't stop, this dude is  
8 wanted for what, I believe it was  
9 murder, right?  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. But none of the dog encounter tools  
12 were used for this operation, correct?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
14 objection. Officer, if you know.  
15 THE WITNESS: I mean --  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. It is correct, isn't it?  
18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
19 objection.  
20 THE WITNESS: I mean, you  
21 could use your gun, too. I mean,  
22 so...  
23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. Okay. So you can hear the dog barking

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1 on the first floor, right?  
2 A. Uh-huh.  
3 Q. Didn't that lead you to understand that  
4 the first floor apartment was occupied?  
5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 the form. Object as asked and  
7 answered. Officer, go ahead and  
8 answer again.  
9 THE WITNESS: No. Just  
10 because you hear a dog barking, I've  
11 been in houses where a dog is  
12 barking and there's nobody home.  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. Occupied as far as it was a place where  
15 people lived, right?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
17 objections. Officer, you can answer  
18 again.  
19 THE WITNESS: I guess, yes.  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. Okay. And the dog was on the other  
22 side of the door, right?  
23 A. Uh-huh.  
24 Q. That didn't lead you to understand that


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1 the door led to an apartment?  
2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
3 objections.  
4 THE WITNESS: No. Like --  
5 no.  
6 BY MR. WEST:  
7 Q. Really?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
10 objections.  
11 MR. WEST: I have no further  
12 question.  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And I have  
14 none, but I will designate on the  
15 record that please, for purses of  
16 [REDACTED], the name of the  
17 homicide suspect, we designate those  
18 portions of the record as  
19 confidential.  
20 MR. WEST: Thank you.  
21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 1:34. We  
22 are going off the record.  
23 - - -  
24 (Whereupon, the videographer

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1 went off the video record.)  
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3 (Whereupon, the deposition  
4 concluded at 1:34 p.m.  
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# EXHIBIT “K”

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW RECORD		PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT OISI PS# 21-05		CASE NUMBER: 21-05	
				INTERVIEWER: Lt. Hendershot #148	
NAME: Officer Brian Murray #6068, PR# [REDACTED]	AGE:	RACE: W	SEX: MALE	DOB:	
ADDRESS: SWAT HQ	APARTMENT #:	HOME TELEPHONE#		OTHER CONTACT#	
NAME OF EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL: Philadelphia Police Department				SOCIAL SECURITY #	
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL:		DEPARTMENT:		WORK TELEPHONE#	
DATES OF PLANNED VACATIONS:					
DATES OF PLANNED BUSINESS TRIPS:					
NAME OF CLOSE RELATIVE OR ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON:				RELATIONSHIP:	
ADDRESS:				TELEPHONE#	
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: POSI Unit Hqs, 2301 South 24 <sup>th</sup> Street				DATE: 6/4/21	TIME: 8:45 AM
BROUGHT IN BY: SELF				DATE:	TIME:
WE ARE QUESTIONING YOU CONCERNING: The Officer Involved Shooting Incident at 4664 Torresdale Avenue on 6-04-2021					
WARNINGS GIVEN BY:				DATE:	TIME:
ANSWERS:					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
					(7)

Police Officer Murray, I am Lieutenant Hendershot #148, with the Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation (OISI) Unit. I will be interviewing you in reference to your involvement during the Officer Involved Shooting incident that took place on 6-04-2021, at 4664 Torresdale Avenue.

Q. What was your assignment and tour of duty on 6-04-2021?

A. I was 11PM to 7AM and I was assigned to S123.

Q. What was your assignment in regards to for today?

A. My tour of duty I was assigned to S112 and for the warrant service, I was assigned to S123.

Q. What was your responsibility for the warrant service?

A. I was assigned as the breacher/hospital car.

Q. Was you assignment in a marked unit and in full uniform?

A. Yes, in full SWAT gear.

Q. During your tour, did you respond to the area of 4664 Torresdale Avenue to serve a warrant?

A. Correct.

*[Signature]* #6068  
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Q. What was the warrant in reference to?

A. We were serving an arrest/search warrant for a homicide at that location.

Q. Did the warrant specify that there was a dog in the property?

A. It did not and there were no signs that there was a dog in the residence prior to our arrival.

Q. Can you tell me everything you know about the incident?

A. I was the breacher, using the Halligan tool. I was with Officer Eric Clark #4453, who was using the ram. Officer Clark conducted the knock and announce during which time a dog was heard barking. After the breach, I entered the property. I observed a brown Pit-bull dog that was aggressively barking and lunging towards Officer Song. The dog continued to bark and aggressively approaching Officer Song. I observed Officer Song discharge his weapon one time, dispatching the dog. At that point, I continued to secure the front room. Once the team realized there was no entrance to the second floor from the first floor, they proceeded to the rear. I heard over SWAT band that there was a male coming out of the rear door. I remained in the first floor with a female and secured the scene until a patrol officer relieved me.

Q. Can you elaborate on the dog's aggressive actions?

A. He was showing his teeth, growling, was a very short distance from Officer Song, and was not backing down. I also had my weapon fixed on the dog but Officer Song had discharged already.

Q. Did the female say anything to you?

A. She was upset that her dog had been shot. She was wearing a towel around her body and asked that she be allowed to get dressed, which she did in her bathroom I believe.

Q. Did you hear the female saying anything at the time you were knocking and announcing?

A. No, just the dog.

Q. Where in the property did this discharge occur?

A. Front room, which was the living room.

Q. Did you apprehend the suspect wanted on the warrant?

A. No.

Q. Was there anyone else in the property at the time of the warrant service?

A. I only made it to the first floor and the female was the only one home.

*[Handwritten signature]* #6068

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NAME: Officer Brian Murray #6068. PR# [REDACTED]	PAGE# 3	CASE# 21-05	

Q. Is there a way to get upstairs from the first floor?

A. We discovered that there was not.

Q. Did the warrant specify whether the location of 4664 Torresdale Avenue was for the first or second floor?

A. It was for the second floor.

Q. Were you aware that the front door was for the first floor?

A. No. There were two mailboxes; I believe labeled one and two on the front door, which led us to believe that the front door led to both floors inside the property.

Q. Can you describe the property at 4664 Torresdale Ave?

A. Two story row home, with a tan first floor, white Magna Seal door.

Q. Did you speak with Officer Song about the discharge?

A. No, but I did overhear him saying that he was bit by the dog, so I understood why he discharged. In addition to the dog's actions/behavior.

Q. Did you observe any physical evidence at the scene?

A. I saw the FCC and dead dog.

Q. Did you prepare any paperwork in reference to this incident?

A. No.

Q. Were you wearing a Body Worn Camera (BWC)?

A. No.

Q. Were you injured during this incident?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any additional information that we have not covered?

A. No.

*P/O [Signature]*  
*#6068*

# EXHIBIT “L”



INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW RECORD	PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Unit PS #21-5		CASE NUMBER: 21-5	
			INTERVIEWER: Detective Brian Newell #662	
NAME: Officer Eric Clark #4453, PR [REDACTED], 3B	AGE:	RACE:	SEX: MALE	DOB:
ADDRESS: SWAT	APARTMENT #:	HOME TELEPHONE#	OTHER CONTACT# 215-685-9862	
NAME OF EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL:			SOCIAL SECURITY #	
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL:		DEPARTMENT:	WORK TELEPHONE#	
DATES OF PLANNED VACATIONS:				
DATES OF PLANNED BUSINESS TRIPS:				
NAME OF CLOSE RELATIVE OR ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON:			RELATIONSHIP:	
ADDRESS:			TELEPHONE#	
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: O.I.S.I.			DATE: 6/4/21	TIME: 9:06AM
BROUGHT IN BY: Self			DATE:	TIME:
WE ARE QUESTIONING YOU CONCERNING: Officer Involved Shooting at 4664 Torresdale Avenue (Dog)				
WARNINGS GIVEN BY:			DATE:	TIME:
ANSWERS: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)				

I am Detective Brian Newell #662, with the Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation (OISI) Unit. I will be interviewing you in reference to your involvement during the Officer Involved Shooting that took place on 6/4/21 inside 4664 Torresdale Avenue.

**Q. Officer, what was your assignment and tour of duty on 6/4/21?**

A. I was assigned to Sam112, working 11Pm to 7:15Am.

**Q. During your tour, did you respond to the area 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. Yes.

**Q. What was the nature of the assignment that prompted you to respond to that location?**

A. We were requested by Homicide Division to execute a Search/Arrest Warrant for [REDACTED] B/M, PPN # [REDACTED]. Search Warrant #24513 and Arrest Warrant #28312021.

**Q. What was your responsibilities pertaining to responding to 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. I was assigned to breach the front door.

*Eric Clark*  
[Signature]

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CONTINUATION SHEET		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
NAME: Officer Eric Clark #4453, PR [REDACTED], 3B		PAGE# 2	CASE# 21-5

**Q. Upon your arrival at 4664 Toressdale Avenue, what did you see and do?**

A. Upon arrival, I got the go ahead to "knock and announce" from Lt Monk. A dog was barking as I announced and yelled "Dog" as I breached the front door. I moved to the side allowing the entry teams to enter. When I entered, I began searching the couches looking for weapons. I heard and saw a dog barking at Officer Long, I continued to search the couches and heard a single gunshot.

**Q. Describe the gunshot you heard.**

A. It was a rifle shot.

**Q. After hearing the shot, what did you do?**

A. Looked and continued to search the couches.

**Q. Was the target of the warrant located inside of 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. No.

**Q. Describe 4664 Torresdale Avenue.**

A. It was a stucco, two story row home with two mailboxes indicating 1 and 2.

**Q. What direction does the front of 4664 Torresdale Avenue face?**

A. South.

**Q. Was anyone located inside of the property?**

A. A Spanish female was located inside of the property. I saw her briefly.

**Q. Did you speak with Officer Long as to what caused him to discharge his firearm?**

A. No.

**Q. Did you observe the dog after it was shot by Officer Long?**

A. Yes, it was dead in the living room.

**Q. Was Officer Long injured?**

A. I don't know.

**Q. Was the female that was encountered identified?**

A. Not by me.

**Q. Did you prepare any paperwork regarding this incident?**

A. No.

*Plu Enc clark  
4453*

**Q. Is there anything else that you would like to add to your statement that I did not cover?**

A. No.

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# EXHIBIT “M”



<b>INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW RECORD</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Unit PS #21-5</b>		<b>CASE NUMBER:</b> 21-5	
			<b>INTERVIEWER:</b> Detective Brian Newell #662	
<b>NAME:</b> Lieutenant Demetrius Monk #279, PR [REDACTED], 3B	<b>AGE:</b>	<b>RACE:</b>	<b>SEX:</b> MALE	<b>DOB:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b> SWAT	<b>APARTMENT #:</b>	<b>HOME TELEPHONE#</b>	<b>OTHER CONTACT#</b> 215-685-9862	
<b>NAME OF EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL:</b>			<b>SOCIAL SECURITY #</b>	
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<b>ADDRESS:</b>			<b>TELEPHONE#</b>	
<b>PLACE OF INTERVIEW:</b> O.I.S.I.			<b>DATE:</b> 6/4/21	<b>TIME:</b> 8:20AM
<b>BROUGHT IN BY:</b> Self			<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>
<b>WE ARE QUESTIONING YOU CONCERNING:</b> Officer Involved Shooting at 4664 Torresdale Avenue (Dog)				
<b>WARNINGS GIVEN BY:</b>			<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>
<b>ANSWERS:</b>				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(6)	(7)			

I am Detective Brian Newell #662, with the Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation (OISI) Unit. I will be interviewing you in reference to your involvement during the Officer Involved Shooting that took place on 6/4/21 inside 4664 Torresdale Avenue.

**Q. Lieutenant, what was your assignment and tour of duty on 6/4/21?**

A. I was assigned to Sam 3X, working 11P to 7:15am.

**Q. During your tour, did you respond to the area 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. Yes.

**Q. What was the nature of the assignment that prompted you to respond to that location?**

A. We were requested by Homicide Division to execute a Search/Arrest Warrant for [REDACTED] B/M, PPN # [REDACTED]. Search Warrant #24513 and Arrest Warrant #28312021.

**Q. Do you know the name of the officer who discharged?**

A. Yes, Officer Edward Song #3936.

**Q. Where is Officer Song assigned?**

A. SWAT.

*Lt. Demetrius Monk #279* D000043

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NAME: Lieutenant Demetrius Monk #279, PR [REDACTED], 3B		PAGE# 2	CASE# 21-5

**Q. What was Officer Song responsibilities pertaining to him responding to 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. He was assigned to Sam 101. Officer Song was part of the front entry team. The entry team comprised of Officer Hamoy #2984, myself, Officer Saba #9823, Officer Burkett #2091, Sergeant Melody #285, Officer Murray #6068 and Officer Clark #4453.

**Q. Upon your arrival at 4664 Toressdale Avenue, what did you see and do?**

A. Upon arrival, Officer Clark approached the door, knocked and announced "Police, with a warrant, open the door". At that point, I could hear a dog barking and I gave the order to breach. Upon entry, we were met by a light brown colored pit-bull mix in the living room area. The dog immediately went after Officer Song biting his lower right leg. I continued past Officer Song where I encountered a white female in the kitchen area. She was on the floor behind a fence that separated the living from the kitchen. I proceeded past her and cleared the property. Once I encountered the female, I heard a single shot from behind me.

**Q. Describe the gunshot you heard.**

A. It was a rifle shot.

**Q. Please continue.**

A. I cleared the remaining part of the property. There was a bathroom to the left of the kitchen and a bedroom past the kitchen.

**Q. Was the target of the warrant located inside of 4664 Torresdale Avenue?**

A. No.

**Q. Describe 4664 Torresdale Avenue.**

A. It was a two story row home with two mailboxes on the front. One for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. There was no access to the second floor apartment from inside of the first floor. The warrant was for the second floor. We had no information on how to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor then through the main door.

**Q. What direction does the front of 4664 Torresdale Avenue face?**

A. South.

**Q. Upon entry, was the interior of the property lit or dark?**

A. I don't remember any lights on upon entry. There was light on just outside of the bathroom.

**Q. Who was assigned to rear containment?**

A. Officers Quintana #2721 and Rivera #6797.

*LT Demetrius Monk* D000044



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**Q. Did you speak with Officer Song as to what caused him to discharge his firearm?**

A. No. H just offered the information. He told me that after the dog bit him, it regrouped itself and appeared that it was going to jump at him and he took the shot killing the dog.

**Q. Did you observe the dog after it was shot by Officer Song?**

A. Yes, it was in the living room.

**Q. Was Officer Song injured from the dog bite?**

A. No. I checked his leg, there were red marks but didn't penetrate his skin.

**Q. Was the female that was encountered inside of the kitchen identified?**

A. No, not by me.

**Q. Did you prepare any paperwork regarding this incident?**

A. No.

**Q. Is there anything else that you would like to add to your statement that I did not cover?**

A. No.

*Lt Demetrius Monk #279* D000045



# EXHIBIT “N”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Demetrius Monk**

**Date:** May 19, 2023

**Case:** Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et al

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2	(It was stipulated by and between
3	counsel that signing, sealing,
4	certification and filing be waived; and
5	that all objections, except as to the
6	form of the question, be reserved until
7	the time of trial.)
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9	MR. WEST: By usual stipulations we
10	mean we can reserve all objections other
11	than as to the form of questions until
12	the time of trial.
13	VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the audio
14	video deposition for use at trial in
15	the matter of Alvarado v. City of
16	Philadelphia, et al, GD number 22-3763,
17	and I am the video operator. My name is
18	Samantha DiBona and I'm employed by
19	Victims' Recovery Law Center. My
20	address is 121 South Broad Street, 18th
21	Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.
22	Today's date is May 19th, 2023 at
23	11:02 a.m. This deposition is being
24	performed in person. The caption in

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 this case is Alvarado v. City of  2 Philadelphia, et al, GD number 22-3763.  3 The witness being deposed today is  4 Demetrius Monk. This deposition is  5 being taken on behalf of the Plaintiff,  6 Felishatay Alvarado. The officer taking  7 this deposition is Dawn Burr and she  8 shall swear in the witness at this time.  9 ---  10 . . . DEMETRIUS MONK, having been  11 duly sworn as a witness, was examined  12 and testified as follows. . .  13 ---  14 EXAMINATION  15 ---  16 BY MR. WEST:  17 Q. Good morning, Lieutenant Monk. We  18 introduced ourselves before off the record, but  19 I'm Keith West. I'm one of the attorneys  20 representing the plaintiff, Ms. Alvarado, in this  21 lawsuit.  22 Just a few formalities to get on  23 the record. You're here represented by Counsel  24 from the city. You've had a chance to confer with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 truthfully today?  2 A. No.  3 Q. As I'm sure your attorney has  4 advised you, your only obligation today is to give  5 truthful testimony based on personal knowledge, to  6 the best of your ability. So to be clear, I'm not  7 gonna ask for you to guess or speculate at any  8 time. Okay?  9 A. Yes.  10 Q. If you don't know the answer to a  11 question, that's perfectly fine. If that's the  12 truth, we just need to know what you do and don't  13 know. Okay?  14 A. Yes.  15 Q. On the other hand, we would like to  16 know everything you know. So if you believe that  17 you have partial knowledge, are able to give an  18 intelligent, reasonable, estimate or  19 approximation, we would like to know what your  20 estimates or approximations are, just let us know  21 that you're giving an estimate or an  22 approximation. Okay?  23 A. Yes.  24 Q. This is not intended to be an</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 your attorney and you feel prepared to proceed  2 with your deposition at this time?  3 A. Yes.  4 Q. Have you ever been in a deposition  5 before?  6 A. Yes.  7 Q. Do you have an estimate or  8 approximation of how many depositions you've been  9 in before?  10 A. About a handful. Less than five.  11 Q. Less than five?  12 A. Yes.  13 Q. And have those all been with  14 testifying as a member of the Philadelphia Police  15 Department?  16 A. That's correct, yes.  17 Q. So you're probably familiar with  18 the process, but I'm just gonna go over quick  19 background.  20 The first couple questions, I'm  21 sure you get to ask these all the time, don't take  22 anything into it. Are you under the influence of  23 any sort of illness, medication, substance,  24 anything that would impair your ability to testify</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 unnecessarily uncomfortable process. If you want  2 to take a break at any time, you want us to grab  3 you some coffee, you need to use the restroom, you  4 want some water, anything like that, just let us  5 know and we'll try to be as accommodating as we  6 can be. Okay?  7 A. Okay. Thank you.  8 Q. Likewise, another instruction would  9 be don't answer any question if you don't  10 understand it. If you're asked a question and you  11 need it to be rephrased, you need me to speak  12 louder, slower, anything like that, just let us  13 know. I'm gonna try to be as accommodating as I  14 can and, if possible, I'll rephrase or restate the  15 question. Okay?  16 A. Yes.  17 Q. So with that, I guess we can get  18 into the substance of our deposition. I'll just  19 state for the record that prior to us going on the  20 record, through your attorney, you gave us a  21 small packet of documents.  22 MR. WEST: Why don't we mark this  23 whole packet as Monk-1?  24 ---</p>

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1 (Whereupon, Exhibit Monk-1 was  
2 marked for identification.)  
3 - - -  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. I've given you a document that's  
6 marked Monk-1.  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. And the back of this packet is a  
9 photograph and the front says SWAT Unit Recon  
10 Sheet, right?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. So I would like to just go through  
13 this packet. If you could identify -- first of  
14 all, why did you bring this with you?  
15 A. To refresh my memory of what took  
16 place.  
17 Q. This will help refresh your  
18 recollection of the incident involved  
19 Ms. Alvarado?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. So the first document, if I'm  
22 looking at it correctly, is a two-sided piece of  
23 paper and it says SWAT Recon Sheet, right?  
24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Could you identify this document  
2 for us? Tell us what it is.  
3 A. It is our recon sheet. It is used  
4 when our individuals go out and look at a property  
5 and get the specifics of the property and come  
6 back and put it on paper. That includes the route  
7 to the property from our station area and the  
8 route to a hospital, if an officer happens to get  
9 injured.  
10 Q. And this document it says location  
11 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Apartment 2nd floor rear,  
12 correct?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. And in the bottom right corner, I  
15 see L-O-M-R-B-F-E-E. Do you see that?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. What does that mean?  
18 A. L-O-M is line of march and  
19 R-B-F-E-E is the line of march of our vehicles,  
20 which is rear, breacher, front, entry, entry.  
21 Rear containment are breachers, the ones that  
22 breach the door, our front containment in the  
23 front of the property, and our two entry teams.  
24 That designates how we approach the property, in

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1 that order.  
2 Q. When you say in that order, could  
3 you explain the context of in what sense is that  
4 in order?  
5 A. Well, rear is the lead vehicle that  
6 leads out to the property, breacher is right  
7 behind him, then front, and then the two entry  
8 teams thereafter.  
9 Q. Is this in the sense of like a  
10 caravan of vehicles approaching the property?  
11 A. That's correct.  
12 Q. Tools, what does that refer to?  
13 A. The tools needed for the particular  
14 operation. In this case, the ram, the Halligan,  
15 and the water based fire extinguisher, in case  
16 there's a fire, if we have to deploy a flash  
17 suppression device.  
18 Q. Do you know what the purpose of the  
19 mission was that the SWAT Unit recon sheet refers  
20 to?  
21 A. We were executing a warrant on  
22 behalf of the homicide unit, Philadelphia Homicide  
23 Unit, an arrest warrant for [REDACTED]  
24 Q. And what specifically -- strike the

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1 question. Strike the question for right now.  
2 Let's just go to the second page. What is the  
3 second page, SWAT Unit Service Report?  
4 A. Yes. This is a synopsis of what  
5 took place during that warrant execution.  
6 Q. How did this come into your  
7 possession?  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
9 but Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
10 THE WITNESS: I had my operation  
11 room assistant pull it up and make me a  
12 copy of it.  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. Was that in anticipation for  
15 today's deposition?  
16 A. That's correct.  
17 Q. Besides the documents that we've  
18 collectively marked Monk-1, are there any other  
19 documents that you reviewed in anticipation for  
20 today's deposition?  
21 A. No. Just these three here.  
22 Q. Did you review any recordings or  
23 video in preparation for today's deposition?  
24 A. No.

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1 Q. Do you know whether or not there's  
2 any recording of this warrant enforcement action?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form,  
4 but Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
5 THE WITNESS: State the question  
6 again, please.  
7 BY MR. WEST:  
8 Q. For example, did any of the  
9 officers wear body cams?  
10 A. No. We don't wear body cams, not  
11 yet anyway.  
12 Q. And by we, who are you referring  
13 to?  
14 A. The SWAT Unit.  
15 Q. Most Philadelphia Police Department  
16 officers do wear body cams when they're out  
17 performing their jobs, correct?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form,  
20 but Officer, you can answer.  
21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Yes.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. But the SWAT Unit does not,  
24 correct?

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1 A. Not yet, no. It's coming, but we  
2 don't have them yet.  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
4 for the record.  
5 BY MR. WEST:  
6 Q. When you say it's coming, when is  
7 that gonna happen?  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
9 the record. Officer, you can answer.  
10 THE WITNESS: We haven't been given  
11 a timeline. From what I understand,  
12 the rest of the department with be  
13 furnished with body cams. We will be  
14 the last to receive them.  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. Do you know why the SWAT Team is  
17 the last to receive the body cams?  
18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
19 Officer, you can answer.  
20 THE WITNESS: No, I do not.  
21 BY MR. WEST:  
22 Q. Have you, yourself, as a member of  
23 the Philadelphia Police Department ever worn a  
24 body cam?

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1 A. No.  
2 Q. How long have you been a member of  
3 the SWAT Unit?  
4 A. 13 years.  
5 Q. Then after that document, I think I  
6 see two photographs.  
7 A. Well, the one photograph does not  
8 pertain to the job. It just happened to be a  
9 two-sided copy. It's a paper that was in the copy  
10 machine.  
11 Q. So am I correct, in interpreting  
12 what you said, that the last page in our packet,  
13 the back side of the photograph, two-sided page,  
14 is a photograph of a building that is not relevant  
15 to this case?  
16 A. That's correct.  
17 Q. So the picture before that, what's  
18 this a picture of?  
19 A. A picture of the property, whatever  
20 the address was, 4664 Torresdale.  
21 Q. I see the word Google on here. Is  
22 this a Google Maps picture?  
23 A. That's correct.  
24 Q. Do you know when this picture was

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1 taken?  
2 A. No, I do not.  
3 Q. Was this picture taken prior to the  
4 warrant enforcement action that this case is  
5 about?  
6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form,  
7 but Officer, you can answer.  
8 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
9 BY MR. WEST:  
10 Q. How do you know that?  
11 A. It's a picture that we pulled off  
12 the computer doing our recon.  
13 Q. So you believe that this picture  
14 was part of the reconnaissance for this mission?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
17 BY MR. WEST:  
18 Q. Do you know that for certainty, or  
19 is that your assumption?  
20 A. No. I know that for certainty.  
21 Q. How do you know that?  
22 A. Because the operation room  
23 assistant pulled this out of the packet for the  
24 job.



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1 Q. So you believe that this was stored  
2 in the system with other reconnaissance documents?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
5 the record.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Sir, I'll represent to you this  
8 incident occurred in June 2021. Do you have any  
9 recollection today of this incident from June 2021  
10 where members of the Philadelphia SWAT Unit  
11 entered Ms. Alvarado's home?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Just tell me generally, what can  
14 you remember about that incident today?

15 A. What I remember is that we arrived  
16 on location. My containment team setup their  
17 perimeter. Entry teams went up to the door. A  
18 knock was executed by our breaching team and I  
19 gave the order to breach. Often times when you  
20 knock on the main door, occupants don't hear it.  
21 So we gave a brief knock, then we entered. Once  
22 the door was breached, we entered and it went  
23 right into the property itself. There was no  
24 first or second floor.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. We entered the property. Officer  
3 Song was the lead officer, then Officer Hamoy  
4 after him, then myself. Then the rest of the team  
5 behind me. There were dogs barking, one dog I  
6 remember in particular. We proceeded past the  
7 dog. Then I hear a discharge and that's when  
8 Officer Song had discharged his weapon. We  
9 continued forward into the property to clear the  
10 property. There was woman occupant in the  
11 property. I believe she was in the kitchen area,  
12 kitchen or living room area, I'm not completely  
13 sure. We were looking for the second floor. She  
14 indicated the second floor entrance was in the  
15 rear of the property.

16 Q. Okay. When you entered this  
17 property, were you attempting to execute some sort  
18 of warrant?

19 A. Yes. I'm sorry. I'll refer to the  
20 document. Yes, an arrest warrant and search  
21 warrant, on behalf of the Homicide Unit.

22 Q. Pursuant to warrants that you are  
23 attempting to enforce at that time, were you  
24 legally allowed to be in the first floor

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1 apartment?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form,  
3 but Officer, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: The warrant  
5 stipulated second floor, but again, once  
6 we breached the door, there was no first  
7 or second floor.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay, sir. I want to make sure you  
10 understand the question I'm asking you.

11 Pursuant to the warrant that you  
12 were enforcing, were you legally allowed to be in  
13 the first floor apartment?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: No.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. Did you enter the first  
19 floor apartment?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Why?

22 A. Not knowing -- again, the warrant  
23 indicated second floor. So it was my belief that  
24 perhaps there's an entrance within the apartment

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1 itself, leading up to the second floor.

2 Q. You said you thought that perhaps  
3 there was an entrance to the second floor?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If you're attempting to enter an  
6 apartment for which you do have a valid warrant,  
7 as a member of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
8 pursuant to the policies and procedures of the  
9 Philadelphia Police Department, as you understand  
10 them based on your training, are you allowed to go  
11 into someone else's apartment that is not subject  
12 to the warrant?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
14 Officer, you can answer, if you can.

15 THE WITNESS: Let me back up. At  
16 the time it was unknown whether the  
17 entrance was within the first floor  
18 apartment or not. So I would go with we  
19 were legally -- we had legal bounds to  
20 be in that apartment.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. So you believe that you were  
23 legally allowed to be in apartment one, first  
24 floor?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>2 Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. And legally why were you allowed to</p> <p>6 be in apartment one, first floor?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Because again, I'll</p> <p>10 stipulate that there was no entrance.</p> <p>11 When we breached the door, there was no</p> <p>12 entrance to a second floor apartment</p> <p>13 from the exterior. So therefore, in my</p> <p>14 mind, the second floor entrance was</p> <p>15 within that first floor apartment.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. I'm sorry. Could you just repeat</p> <p>18 that? I don't think I'm understanding what you're</p> <p>19 saying.</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for</p> <p>21 the record. Lieutenant.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Once we breached the</p> <p>23 exterior door to the property, there was</p> <p>24 no door that led to a second floor. So</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Well, again, once</p> <p>3 we --</p> <p>4 MR. WEST: If you could just answer</p> <p>5 the question I'm asking.</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>7 Lieutenant.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: State the question</p> <p>9 again. I'm sorry.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. Yeah. I think this might be a yes</p> <p>12 or no answer, if you can.</p> <p>13 So if you're executing a warrant</p> <p>14 for an apartment number two, say a multi residence</p> <p>15 apartment and your warrant says apartment number</p> <p>16 two, if you believe that you can cross through</p> <p>17 apartment number one to get to apartment number</p> <p>18 two, are you legally allowed to cross through</p> <p>19 apartment one to get to number two, based on your</p> <p>20 understanding?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: It's not a simple yes</p> <p>24 or no question, because again, once we</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 in my mind, it must be within the</p> <p>2 apartment itself perhaps.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. So you're saying that because the</p> <p>5 door to Ms. Alvarado's apartment did not lead to</p> <p>6 the second floor, you were legally allowed to be</p> <p>7 in her apartment?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p> <p>9 Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Yes, because again,</p> <p>11 once we breached the exterior door, it</p> <p>12 opened right up to her -- to the</p> <p>13 property. It wasn't like it was</p> <p>14 identified as an apartment. It was just</p> <p>15 the exterior door, like you're opening a</p> <p>16 door to a house.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. So is it your understanding that if</p> <p>19 you can cross someone's apartment and enter</p> <p>20 someone else's apartment by going through the</p> <p>21 apartment, if your warrant is only applicable to</p> <p>22 the second apartment, you're allowed to cross the</p> <p>23 first one?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 breach the door, we're already in what</p> <p>2 we now know is apartment number one.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. So I'm not asking about what</p> <p>5 specifically happened in this situation. I'm just</p> <p>6 asking your understanding of the law.</p> <p>7 Is it your understanding that</p> <p>8 legally, if you have a warrant for one apartment,</p> <p>9 that warrant gives you the legal right to enter</p> <p>10 someone else's apartment?</p> <p>11 A. No, it does not.</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And objection to</p> <p>13 form.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: No, it does not.</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. It does not?</p> <p>17 A. No, it does not.</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for</p> <p>19 the record.</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. But what if the other apartment</p> <p>22 leads to the apartment where you have a warrant,</p> <p>23 can you go through the other apartment?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for</p>

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1 the record. Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: In that case, you  
 3 would need a warrant for the whole  
 4 property.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. So prior to entering Ms. Alvarado's  
 7 apartment, you understood that legally you are not  
 8 allowed to go anywhere on the property, other than  
 9 the second floor rear apartment, correct?  
 10 A. That's correct.  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. So when you opened Ms. Alvarado's  
 14 front door, if that door led anywhere other than  
 15 the second floor rear apartment, you understood  
 16 that you were breaking the law by walking through  
 17 that door, correct?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
 20 THE WITNESS: State the question  
 21 again, please.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Prior to entering Ms. Alvarado's  
 24 apartment, you knew that if you walked through her

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1 door and her door led to any residence other than  
 2 the second floor rear apartment, if you walk  
 3 through that door, you're breaking the law, you  
 4 already knew that, correct?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No, I did not.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay.  
 10 A. Because again, once the exterior  
 11 door was breached, it opened right to the  
 12 apartment. The property was open. There was no  
 13 division as to a first floor or second floor.  
 14 It's just like opening a door to a house.  
 15 Q. But what I'm saying -- okay. So  
 16 once you open that door, what was on the other  
 17 side?  
 18 A. Wide open property.  
 19 Q. Wide open property, or property  
 20 that you had opened?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
 22 but Lieutenant, you can answer, if you  
 23 can.  
 24 THE WITNESS: A property that was

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1 breached, yes.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. So a person's private residence had  
 4 been breached, correct?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. And did you believe that that  
 10 breached private residency was the second floor  
 11 rear apartment?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: At the time, we did  
 15 not know the second floor was in the  
 16 rear.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Well, the warrant specifically says  
 19 second floor rear, does it not?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 21 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: I have not seen the  
 23 warrant.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. All right, sir. If you look at the  
 2 SWAT recon sheet, doesn't it say on it, location,  
 3 apartment second floor rear?  
 4 A. The recon sheet was updated after  
 5 the warrant service was conducted.  
 6 Q. So you're saying that this has been  
 7 changed after the incident?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. How do you know that?  
 10 A. Whatever transpires during the  
 11 incident of any job, we always update our sheets  
 12 in accordance to what we encounter during the  
 13 warrant service.  
 14 Q. So what is your understanding as  
 15 far as what the warrant said?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
 18 THE WITNESS: To my recollection,  
 19 the address and stipulating that it was  
 20 a second floor apartment, but there was  
 21 no delineation as to whether it was  
 22 front or rear.  
 23 MR. WEST: All right, sir. So  
 24 let's mark this as Monk-2.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1                   ---</p> <p>2                   (Whereupon, Exhibit Monk-2 was</p> <p>3                   marked for identification.)</p> <p>4                   ---</p> <p>5       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6           Q.    Please identify for me what that</p> <p>7           document is?</p> <p>8           A.    The search warrant, warrant number</p> <p>9           242513.</p> <p>10          Q.    That's the search warrant, correct?</p> <p>11          A.    Yes.</p> <p>12          Q.    You were enforcing that search</p> <p>13           warrant when you entered Ms. Alvarado's apartment,</p> <p>14           did you not?</p> <p>15          A.    That's correct.</p> <p>16          Q.    Please highlight for me where it</p> <p>17           says second floor rear?</p> <p>18          A.    (Witness complies.)</p> <p>19          Q.    It says second floor rear, correct?</p> <p>20          A.    That's correct.</p> <p>21          Q.    Just a moment ago I believe your</p> <p>22           testimony was that no such words were on that</p> <p>23           warrant; is that correct?</p> <p>24           MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1           front door, had you breached the second floor</p> <p>2           apartment?</p> <p>3           MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>4           Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>5           THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>6       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>7           Q.    Once you breached the door, could</p> <p>8           you see that you had breached a door entering into</p> <p>9           an occupied area, a residence?</p> <p>10          A.    Yes.</p> <p>11          Q.    Did you believe the residence was</p> <p>12           the second floor rear apartment?</p> <p>13          A.    I didn't know what we had at the</p> <p>14           time.</p> <p>15          MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form</p> <p>16           just for the record.</p> <p>17       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18           Q.    Did you think it was reasonable to</p> <p>19           assume that that was a second floor rear</p> <p>20           apartment?</p> <p>21          MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22          Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>23          THE WITNESS: I didn't think -- how</p> <p>24          can I state this? Obviously it was on</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1           Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>2           THE WITNESS: I said to my</p> <p>3           recollection. I had not seen the</p> <p>4           warrant.</p> <p>5       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6           Q.    Well, you now acknowledge it says</p> <p>7           second floor read, correct?</p> <p>8           A.    Yes.</p> <p>9           MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>10       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11          Q.    So does that change your</p> <p>12           understanding as to whether or not you were</p> <p>13           legally allowed to walk through the door after you</p> <p>14           breached Ms. Alvarado's front door?</p> <p>15          MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>16          Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>17          THE WITNESS: Second floor rear</p> <p>18           typically means rear within the -- when</p> <p>19           you enter the front of the property, go</p> <p>20           up to the second floor, it's a rear</p> <p>21           apartment, not that the entrance would</p> <p>22           be in the rear of the property.</p> <p>23       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24          Q.    When you breached Ms. Alvarado's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1           the first floor, but again, it was a</p> <p>2           surprise to all of us, myself included,</p> <p>3           once we reached the doors, it was an</p> <p>4           open property.</p> <p>5       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6           Q.    Sir, so after you had breached</p> <p>7           Ms. Alvarado's front door, you knew that you were</p> <p>8           obviously on the first floor, as you just said,</p> <p>9           correct?</p> <p>10          MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>11          Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>12          THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>13       BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14          Q.    Did you walk through her front</p> <p>15           door?</p> <p>16          A.    Yes.</p> <p>17          Q.    Did you knowingly enter property</p> <p>18           that was not described on the search warrant as</p> <p>19           second floor rear apartment?</p> <p>20          MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>21          Lieutenant, you can answer.</p> <p>22          THE WITNESS: Again, not knowing</p> <p>23           where access to the second floor was.</p> <p>24       BY MR. WEST:</p>

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1 Q. So --  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Lieutenant, were  
 3 you finished with your answer?  
 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Okay.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Sir, did you believe that it was  
 8 possible that you could access the second floor  
 9 rear apartment through Ms. Alvarado's first floor  
 10 apartment?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: I thought it was  
 14 possible, yes.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Did you know whether or not that  
 17 was possible?  
 18 A. I did not know it was possible.  
 19 Q. However, assuming that it was true,  
 20 if it was possible to access the second floor rear  
 21 apartment through Ms. Alvarado's first floor  
 22 apartment, would you legally have been allowed to  
 23 go through the first floor apartment, in order to  
 24 get there, without a warrant?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: No.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. So again, when you entered  
 6 Ms. Alvarado's apartment, which you knew was an  
 7 occupied residence, which you knew was on the  
 8 first floor, did you knowingly enter her apartment  
 9 illegally?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: After the fact, no.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. What do you mean by after the fact?  
 15 A. Because again --  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
 17 the record, but Lieutenant, you can  
 18 answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Because again, once  
 20 we breached the exterior door, the  
 21 property was wide open. So it could  
 22 have been a whole house. We did not  
 23 know. We never encountered anything  
 24 like that before.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Sir, did you believe that you were  
 3 entering the second floor rear apartment when you  
 4 walked through that door?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: When we breached the  
 8 exterior door, I'm expecting there to be  
 9 two doors, one for one apartment, one  
 10 for the second apartment.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Sir, the door was breached. You  
 13 walked through the door. Did you believe that you  
 14 were walking into an occupied residence?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: We were walking into  
 18 an occupied residence, yes.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Did you believe that occupied  
 21 residence was the second floor rear apartment?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Again, I did not know

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1 what we were walking into. We just had  
 2 an open property.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. Sir --  
 5 A. After the fact, we can say it was  
 6 an apartment, but at the time, we did not know.  
 7 Q. Did you answer the question yes or  
 8 no? Did you believe that that occupied residence  
 9 was the second floor rear apartment?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 11 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: I cannot say it was  
 13 not, until we walked in.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Sir, what is the point of doing  
 16 reconnaissance prior to a warrant enforcement job?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 19 MR. WEST: In your experience.  
 20 THE WITNESS: To identify the  
 21 properties, the specific property, any  
 22 difficulties we may have on approach, to  
 23 get a layout of what the rear may look  
 24 like and the general neighborhood.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Sir, did you personally order  
3 Ms. Alvarado's front door to be breached?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Are you aware of something known as  
6 the knock and announce rule?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What is the knock and announce  
9 rule?

10 A. Knock and announce rule is when you  
11 knock on the door to give the occupant sufficient  
12 time to open the door.

13 Q. You've received training with  
14 regards to the policies and procedures of the  
15 Philadelphia Police Department, correct?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 Lieutenant, you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Based on the training that you've  
21 received with regards to the policies and  
22 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
23 what is the purpose of the knock and announce  
24 rule?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Lieutenant, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Again, we perform a  
4 knock and announce, again, to make the  
5 occupant aware that the police are on  
6 their -- at their door and allow them  
7 time, sufficient time, typically 25, 30  
8 seconds, to open the door.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. So am I correct to understand your  
11 testimony as saying that you knew, prior to  
12 entering Ms. Alvarado's apartment, that under the  
13 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
14 Department, you were required to knock on the door  
15 before entering and give the occupant sufficient  
16 time to voluntarily surrender the premises?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Lieutenant, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Did you knock on Ms. Alvarado's  
22 apartment prior to breaching the door?

23 A. I did not, but the breaching team  
24 did, yes.

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1 Q. How long -- how much time passed  
2 between that knock and the front door being  
3 breached?

4 A. If I was to guess, 15, 20 seconds  
5 perhaps.

6 Q. You used the word guess. Why are  
7 you guessing?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Because again, I was  
11 not timing it. It was a short period of  
12 time.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Have you received training from the  
15 Philadelphia Police Department as to techniques  
16 you can use to try to figure out how much time is  
17 passing between a knock and breaking in someone's  
18 door?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Restate that again.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Have you received any sort of  
24 training about how you can gauge how much time has

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1 passed from knocking on a door and breaking it  
2 open?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
4 Lieutenant, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Did you use any techniques to try  
8 to figure out how much time passed as of June  
9 2021?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
11 Lieutenant, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. What is your basis for saying that  
15 you believe at least 15 to 20 seconds passed?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 Lieutenant, you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Because my state of  
19 mind at the time, typically with a multi  
20 unit property, you knock on the exterior  
21 door and often times the occupants do  
22 not hear. So you give a brief knock on  
23 that exterior door, breach that, and  
24 then you give an extended knock on the



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1 door leading into whatever premises we  
2 were going into.  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. So you intentionally gave less time  
5 than you thought was required for Ms. Alvarado to  
6 respond when you breached her door; is that your  
7 testimony?  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
9 but Lieutenant, you can answer, if you  
10 can.  
11 THE WITNESS: We're knocking on the  
12 door to allow the second floor occupant  
13 to come down.  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. But when you breached the first  
16 floor door, you knew that you had allowed enough  
17 time for someone on the first floor to voluntarily  
18 answer the door. Is that correct?  
19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
21 THE WITNESS: When we're knocking  
22 on the main exterior door, it's unknown  
23 to us that is actually the first floor  
24 door.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
2 Q. But regardless, the point being  
3 that you knew that you were giving less time than  
4 you would have if it had been a front door that  
5 you knew was occupied, correct?  
6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
8 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
9 BY MR. WEST:  
10 Q. Was that consistent with the  
11 training you received from the Philadelphia Police  
12 Department?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
14 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
15 THE WITNESS: I would go by  
16 experience that I've had on this job.  
17 BY MR. WEST:  
18 Q. Okay. Is that a way of saying that  
19 it was not consistent with the training that you  
20 received?  
21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
23 THE WITNESS: It was consistent.  
24 Again, we did a knock and announce. It

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1 might have been shortened, but we did a  
2 knock and announce and there were dogs  
3 barking inside as well.  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. Did the training that you received  
6 from the Philadelphia Police Department give you  
7 any sort of guidance as to how much time you  
8 should let pass between knocking on someone's  
9 front door and smashing it open?  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
11 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
12 THE WITNESS: Typically it's about  
13 30 seconds.  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. Okay. So the training you received  
16 was you should wait at least 30 seconds, correct?  
17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
19 THE WITNESS: Not should wait, but  
20 typically about 30 seconds is  
21 appropriate, yes.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. And so you will admit now that you  
24 did not follow your training because you did not

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1 allow at least 30 seconds to pass, correct?  
2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
3 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
4 THE WITNESS: I followed my  
5 training, but no, I did not allow the 30  
6 seconds.  
7 BY MR. WEST:  
8 Q. Okay. And had you ever been  
9 trained by any official member of the -- strike  
10 the question.  
11 Had you ever been trained by the  
12 Philadelphia Police Department that you were  
13 sometimes allowed to let less than about 30  
14 seconds pass before entering someone's property?  
15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
16 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
17 THE WITNESS: Exigent  
18 circumstances, yes.  
19 BY MR. WEST:  
20 Q. Were there any exigent  
21 circumstances here?  
22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
23 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
24 THE WITNESS: No.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
2 Q. So had you ever received any  
3 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
4 that sometimes you didn't need to let about 30  
5 seconds pass in a situation in which there were no  
6 exigent circumstance?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
9 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Repeat  
10 the question again, please.

11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. So had you ever received any  
13 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
14 that when you were doing a knock warrant  
15 enforcement, you could let less than 30 seconds  
16 pass between a knock and breaching the door in a  
17 situation that did not involve exigent  
18 circumstances?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Repeat  
22 that question one more time. I'm sorry.

23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. Had you ever received any training

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1 as to why you did not follow that policy and  
2 procedure with regards to Ms. Alvarado's front  
3 door?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 Lieutenant, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes. For one, the  
7 exterior door typically to a multi  
8 occupant structure, when you're knocking  
9 on the door, they typically do not hear  
10 the occupants inside. So we give a  
11 brief knock, we breach, and then we give  
12 an extended knock on the actual door  
13 itself leading to the premises.

14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. Sir, had you ever received any  
16 specific training from the Philadelphia Police  
17 Department as to how to enforce warrants at multi  
18 occupant structures?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. To your knowledge, did the  
24 Philadelphia Police Department have any policies

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1 from the Philadelphia Police Department that when  
2 enforcing a warrant and implementing the knock and  
3 announce rule you could ignore the rule that  
4 required you to wait approximately 30 seconds  
5 between knocking and breaching the property in a  
6 situation that did not involve exigent  
7 circumstances?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall,  
11 no.

12 BY MR. WEST:  
13 Q. Was it your understanding, as of  
14 June 2021, that the policies and procedures of the  
15 Philadelphia Police Department relating to the  
16 knock and announce rule required you to wait at  
17 least 30 seconds between knocking on someone's  
18 front door and breaching the premises if there  
19 were no exigent circumstances?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Lieutenant, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. Do you have any explanation today

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1 or procedures with regards to enforcing warrants  
2 that were specific to multi occupant structures?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
4 Lieutenant, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 BY MR. WEST:  
7 Q. There was a reconnaissance done  
8 related to this enforcement action, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, as the Lieutenant, you were in  
11 charge of this operation, correct?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
13 but Lieutenant, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Actually my Sergeant  
15 ran the job, Sergeant Melody.

16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. In the kind of ranking order, does  
18 a Lieutenant outrank a Sergeant in the  
19 Philadelphia Police Department, just overall?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection just for  
22 the record.

23 BY MR. WEST:  
24 Q. But is it your testimony that

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1 Sergeant Mellody had more responsibility related  
2 to this job than you did?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Lieutenant, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: No. What I will say  
6 is that he was in charge of running the  
7 job. He had the job.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Was he the one responsible for  
10 doing the reconnaissance?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was he the one responsible for  
13 figuring out if there was a first floor apartment?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Lieutenant, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: If there was a first  
17 floor apartment?

18 MR. WEST: Uh-huh.

19 THE WITNESS: Meaning?

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. So the warrant, as you've now  
22 highlighted, specifically refers to a second floor  
23 rear apartment, correct?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Doesn't that imply that there's  
2 probably a first floor apartment?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Lieutenant, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. So wouldn't part of the  
8 reconnaissance process be to figure out if the  
9 first floor apartment is occupied?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
11 Lieutenant, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Not whether it's  
13 occupied, but whether it actually  
14 exists.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Whether it exists and when you're  
17 going around figuring out if it exists, should you  
18 also try to figure out what door leads into it?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. And should you try to figure out  
24 what door leads to the second floor rear

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1 apartment?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

3 Lieutenant, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Should you try to figure out  
7 whether or not it's required to go through one  
8 residence to get to another?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
10 Lieutenant, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question,  
12 please.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. As part of the reconnaissance,  
15 should Sergeant Mellody have tried to figure out  
16 whether or not it was necessary to go through the  
17 first floor apartment to get to the second floor  
18 apartment?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: There would have been  
22 no way to determine that.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. But is that something he should

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1 have tried to figure out, if he could, as part of  
2 his reconnaissance?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
4 THE WITNESS: If he could, yes.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. For example, he could call the  
7 property manager potentially, correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object.  
9 Lieutenant.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Do you know if Sergeant Mellody  
13 did that?

14 A. I'm not aware that he did.

15 Q. He could potentially have checked  
16 property records, correct?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Lieutenant, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: He could check  
20 property records, but I don't think  
21 property records would have gave an  
22 indication of the layout of the  
23 property.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Were you aware of the fact that  
 2 property records actually were pulled prior to  
 3 this job, which clearly showed that they were  
 4 separate apartments?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not aware of  
 8 that.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. That was not something you were  
 11 informed of prior to this operation, correct?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 13 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Were you aware of the existence of  
 17 a rear door prior to breaching Ms. Alvarado's  
 18 apartment?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 Q. If you had known that there was a  
 21 rear entrance located on a cul-de-sac to this  
 22 property, do you think that you may have  
 23 considered the possibility that the rear entrance  
 24 led to the rear apartment?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: No, because in our  
 4 minds, the rear entrance would have been  
 5 just that, just a rear exit, not an  
 6 entrance, unless we had other  
 7 information to verify that, validate  
 8 that.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Is it your testimony, as a member  
 11 of the SWAT Unit of the Philadelphia Police  
 12 Department, that your understanding that a small  
 13 amount of residences sometimes have doors that can  
 14 only be exited by not entered?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: Again, in this  
 18 particular property, you have two  
 19 mailboxes in the front. So in my mind,  
 20 the entrance to the property is in the  
 21 front, not in the rear.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. And even if you had been  
 24 aware of the existence of a rear entrance located

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1 on a cul-de-sac, you still never would have even  
 2 considered the possibility that that door might  
 3 lead to the rear apartment?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: Unless we have  
 7 specific intel indicating that that is  
 8 an entrance. Other than that, we treat  
 9 it as an exit and our rear containment  
 10 would cover it.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. And when you say that, is that  
 13 consistent to some sort of training that you  
 14 received from the Philadelphia Police Department?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 16 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: That's consistent  
 18 with the number of jobs that we've done.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Sir, could you please answer the  
 21 question I asked you. Is that consistent with  
 22 specific training that you received from the  
 23 Philadelphia Police Department?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Can you restate your  
 3 question?  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Your testimony that you never would  
 6 have considered the possibility that the rear door  
 7 might lead to the rear apartment, is that  
 8 consistent with specific training that you  
 9 received at some point from the Philadelphia  
 10 Police Department? Please answer the question yes  
 11 or no.  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
 14 THE WITNESS: First of all, I did  
 15 not say I would never considered that,  
 16 but I said unless we have specific intel  
 17 indicating that that door is actually  
 18 the entrance to the property.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Could you please answer the  
 21 question I asked?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to  
 23 the question.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Did you ever receive any specific  
2 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
3 on that issue?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 Lieutenant, answer if you can.

6 THE WITNESS: No.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. To your knowledge, does the  
9 Philadelphia Police Department have any policies  
10 or procedures pertaining to whether or not you  
11 should go through front doors or rear doors,  
12 anything like that?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
14 Lieutenant, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: Not to my  
16 recollection.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. So where did you get this idea?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

21 THE WITNESS: Idea referring to?

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Your testimony I believe has been  
24 that you wouldn't have considered that the rear

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1 the detectives and see if they have any  
2 intel. We can confer with the property  
3 manager, if we are able to contact one,  
4 or property records in and of itself,  
5 but outside of that, we will treat that  
6 door as an exit. Based upon two  
7 mailboxes in the front, the entrance is  
8 in the front.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Did anyone from the SWAT Unit ask  
11 the detective to try to ascertain which door led  
12 where related to this property?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
14 Lieutenant, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm unable to answer  
16 that. I do not know.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Not to your knowledge, correct?

19 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

20 Q. Did any member of the SWAT Unit ask  
21 anyone else, besides the detective, to try to  
22 ascertain which door led where prior to breaching  
23 Ms. Alvarado's apartment?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 door might be the entrance to the rear apartment,  
2 even if you'd known it existed and you've  
3 testified that that's not consistent with any  
4 particular training you've received, that's not  
5 consistent with any particular policy or  
6 procedure. So where do you get this idea?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Dealing with this  
10 specific property, again, there was two  
11 mailboxes in the front. There was no  
12 other intel indicating that the entrance  
13 to the rear apartment was from the rear.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. If you have an apartment building  
16 and it has two entrances, based on your  
17 understanding of what sort of reconnaissance  
18 should happen pursuant to the practices of the  
19 SWAT Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
20 what efforts should be made to determine which  
21 door leads where, if any?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

23 Lieutenant, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Again, confer with

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Is that something that should have  
5 been done?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Lieutenant, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Going by what we  
9 determined in the recon, two mailboxes  
10 in the front, led us to believe the  
11 entrance was from the front on  
12 Torresdale Avenue.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. Had you ever received any  
15 training from the Philadelphia Police Department  
16 that reflected the mailbox rule that you're  
17 referring to?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

20 THE WITNESS: No.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Were there any policies or  
23 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department  
24 that you're aware of that made this reference to

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1 mailboxes that you're referring to?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

3 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

4 THE WITNESS: No.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Sir, I'd ask you to look at the

7 photograph, the Google photograph, that we

8 discussed before.

9 MR. WEST: I'm going to ask the

10 court reporter actually to mark this

11 document, this picture, as Monk-1A. I

12 just want to be absolutely clear on the

13 record which photograph we're referring

14 to.

15 ---

16 (Whereupon, Exhibit Monk-1A was

17 marked for identification.)

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19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Sir, I'm gonna ask you to very

21 carefully look at this photograph now.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. As you look at this photograph

24 today, do you think it's reasonable for anyone to

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1 believe that that door led to the second floor?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. If you look at that door, sir, if

7 you look up, is there any second floor above that

8 door?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

10 Lieutenant, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. So you can plainly see that this

14 door doesn't lead to the second floor, correct?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. There's no second floor there?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

19 Lieutenant, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: And there's no first

21 floor either identified, just two

22 mailboxes.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Sir, can we both agree that the

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1 apartment behind that door is on the first floor

2 of the property?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

4 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

5 THE WITNESS: Typically with a

6 multi occupied structure, this is just

7 the exterior door. Once that is

8 breached, there's a vestibule and

9 however many units are in there, those

10 are the doors behind it.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Sir, please answer my question.

13 Can we both agree that the property that this

14 door is located is on the first floor?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

16 Lieutenant, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: No, I cannot agree to

18 that.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. So based on the training that you

21 received as a member of the SWAT Unit and the

22 Philadelphia Police Department, you're a

23 Lieutenant, and you're saying that based on that

24 training, you don't know whether or not this is

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1 the first floor?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

4 MR. WEST: I have another

5 photograph. I'll state for record this

6 photograph has been used at I believe

7 every other deposition we've used so

8 far. It's the same photograph. It's

9 from Google Maps. The date it was

10 printed out is on the photograph,

11 Monday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. I'd like to

12 mark it as Monk-3.

13 ---

14 (Whereupon, Exhibit Monk-3 was

15 marked for identification.)

16 ---

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Have you had a chance to review

19 this photograph, sir?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recognize this is the same

22 structure, just from a different angle?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you think it's reasonable for



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1 anyone to believe that that door led to the second  
 2 floor?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: I do.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Why?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 Lieutenant.  
 10 THE WITNESS: Based upon the fact  
 11 that there's two mailboxes on the  
 12 exterior.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Can you see that there is a portion  
 15 of this property behind that door which could only  
 16 be described as being located on the first floor  
 17 because there is no second floor?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: We do not know it's  
 21 not a second floor entrance until we  
 22 breach that door.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. So your testimony is that you never

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1 to determine whether or not you were entering  
 2 someone's home lawfully, correct?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 4 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. And am I correct to infer that  
 8 you've never received any training of any kind at  
 9 any time that would help you determine the  
 10 different structures that are used by multi  
 11 residence buildings?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: No.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. I am correct or I'm not correct?  
 17 A. No, we have not received training  
 18 as far as architecture of a structure.  
 19 Q. Ever, of any kind, correct?  
 20 A. That's correct.  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. In a city full of multi residence  
 24 properties, you have no idea what you're doing,

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1 received any sort of training as to how properties  
 2 work that would give you the ability to understand  
 3 that there is no second floor on that property  
 4 behind the door?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. You can't see that?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 11 THE WITNESS: No, you cannot.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Okay. So approximately how many  
 14 times have you personally done reconnaissance for  
 15 SWAT Team enforcement actions?  
 16 A. I have no idea. I've been in the  
 17 unit 13 years.  
 18 Q. Hundreds of times?  
 19 A. Yes, I would venture to say that.  
 20 Q. So hundreds of times at least you  
 21 were responsible for figuring out if when you're  
 22 sending in a team of SWAT Unit officers into  
 23 someone's private residence, you were the person  
 24 designated by the Philadelphia Police Department

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1 correct?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 3 THE WITNESS: That's incorrect,  
 4 because often times when you enter that  
 5 door, you don't know what you're gonna  
 6 encounter.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. You don't know what you're gonna  
 9 encounter --  
 10 A. That's correct.  
 11 Q. -- correct, because you've never  
 12 received any training, correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection and  
 14 please let him answer the question.  
 15 THE WITNESS: How can you receive  
 16 training on the architecture of a  
 17 property when often times owners modify  
 18 their properties? We have encountered  
 19 this hundreds of thousands of times, but  
 20 this is the one time.  
 21 MR. WEST: Sir --  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Please let him  
 23 answer the question.  
 24 MR. WEST: Are you finished? I

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1 didn't mean to interrupt you.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Go ahead, sir.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Based on the policies and  
 5 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department  
 6 as you understood them, based on your training as  
 7 of June 2021, if there was a door of a private  
 8 residence and you did not know if that door led to  
 9 a residence for which you had a warrant or to  
 10 someone else's private residence, were you allowed  
 11 to breach that door?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: State the question  
 15 again, please.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Based on the policies and  
 18 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
 19 as of June 2021, if you, as a member of the SWAT  
 20 Unit, went to someone's front door and you did not  
 21 know if that front door led to a residence for  
 22 which you had a warrant or to someone else's  
 23 residence, were you allowed to breach that door?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. And what is the basis for your  
 5 understanding of that?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Because that door  
 9 that is being breached is the entrance  
 10 to that property.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Sir, did you understand the  
 13 question? My question is if you didn't know?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 15 Lieutenant.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. If you didn't know whether it led  
 18 to the property or not, are you still allowed to  
 19 breach the door?  
 20 A. Yes. That's the only entrance into  
 21 the property.  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
 23 the record.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Okay. And the policies and  
 2 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
 3 as they've been communicated to you as of June  
 4 2021, were that you, as a member of the SWAT Unit,  
 5 could breach a front door to a private residence  
 6 whether that door led to a residence for which you  
 7 had a valid warrant or to some other person's  
 8 residence, if you didn't know which was true,  
 9 correct?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 11 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: State that question  
 13 again, please.  
 14 MR. WEST: Could you read it back?  
 15 ---  
 16 (Whereupon, the last question was  
 17 read back by the court reporter.)  
 18 ---  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
 20 record.  
 21 THE WITNESS: If that is the door  
 22 into the residence, you can breach that  
 23 door, unless we have specific intel  
 24 indicating that there's another entrance

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1 to that specific area in which we are  
 2 executing a warrant.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. When you say the residence, what do  
 5 you mean by the residence? Because I referred to  
 6 a residence for which you do have a warrant and a  
 7 residence for which you do not have warrant. So  
 8 what do you mean?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Lieutenant.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Both? Do you mean both residences?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 14 Lieutenant.  
 15 THE WITNESS: A residence for -- if  
 16 we don't have a warrant for a residence,  
 17 we're not going in that residence unless  
 18 there is a warrant.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Right. So my question, sir -- I  
 21 wouldn't normally ask the same question over and  
 22 over, but I think you're making it clear that  
 23 you're either not answering the question or you're  
 24 not understanding the question. So I'm gonna ask

1 the same question again.  
 2 According to the policies and  
 3 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
 4 as of June 2021, if there was a front door of a  
 5 private residence and you did not know if that  
 6 front door led to a residence for which you did  
 7 have a warrant, or to someone else's residence,  
 8 were you allowed to breach that door?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Lieutenant, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: Are you referring to  
 12 a multi occupant structure, multi units?

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. I'm asking about a front door and  
 15 you don't know who lives on the other side of that  
 16 door. Can you breach it?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

19 THE WITNESS: If it's a multi unit  
 20 structure and that is the entrance into  
 21 the property, yes.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. To the property for which you do  
 24 not have a warrant?

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: If it's a multi unit  
 4 structure, meaning multiple units within  
 5 that one property, yes. That's the  
 6 common door to get into that property.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Right. So is your understanding  
 9 then that if you have a search warrant that's  
 10 valid for one apartment within an apartment  
 11 building, you're legally allowed to enter any  
 12 residence within that building?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Lieutenant.

15 THE WITNESS: Not any residences.  
 16 Specific apartment.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. So before you open the front  
 19 door to anyone's apartment, are you required to  
 20 figure out if that leads the residence for which  
 21 you have a warrant, or someone else's residence?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 Lieutenant, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Again, the front door

1 is typically the entrance into the  
 2 property itself for a multi unit  
 3 structure. Once you get in, there's  
 4 multiple doors leading to whatever  
 5 apartment.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Sir, please answer the question  
 8 that you're being asked.

9 My question is if you have a  
 10 warrant that's specific to one apartment within an  
 11 apartment building, before you breach some private  
 12 resident's front door, were you required to figure  
 13 out if that front door led to the residence for  
 14 which you had the warrant, or to a different  
 15 residence?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 17 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

18 THE WITNESS: When you're saying --  
 19 when you refer to a different residence,  
 20 you're saying a residence other than the  
 21 apartment for which we are going to?

22 MR. WEST: Yes.

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

24 THE WITNESS: No.

1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. You're not required to make that  
 3 determination?

4 A. No.

5 Q. What, sir, is the SWAT Unit?

6 A. Meaning?

7 Q. You're wearing a vest that says  
 8 SWAT on it, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And there is something within the  
 11 Philadelphia Police Department referred to as the  
 12 SWAT Unit, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is it?

15 A. Special Weapons And Tactics.

16 Q. And what does the SWAT Unit do?

17 A. Anything over and beyond what  
 18 patrol is able to handle, they call upon us.

19 Q. Now, this incident involves the  
 20 enforcement of a search warrant, correct?

21 A. Yes. We serve the most violent  
 22 warrants in the city.

23 Q. Again, sir --

24 A. I'm sorry.

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1 Q. I don't want you to feel like I'm  
2 being testy with you, but just so we have a record  
3 that makes any sense, please only answer the  
4 question asked. Okay?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So this incident involves the  
7 enforcement of a search and arrest warrant,  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. As of June 2021, was the SWAT Unit  
11 generally tasked with enforcing search and arrest  
12 warrants?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

14 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

15 THE WITNESS: Not all search and  
16 arrest warrants. Those are the most  
17 violent individuals.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. As of June 2021, to your knowledge,  
20 did the Philadelphia Police Department have any  
21 sort of policy or procedure in place as to how  
22 members of the SWAT Unit should deal with dogs at  
23 private residences, if they encounter them?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

2 THE WITNESS: I can't state that  
3 there is a policy in regards to that,  
4 no.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Okay. Not to your knowledge,  
7 correct?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Sir, if there's a -- if someone had  
10 only knocked on Ms. Alvarado's apartment door ten  
11 seconds before breaching it, to your  
12 understanding, would that be consistent with the  
13 knock and announce rule?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

15 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

16 THE WITNESS: I keep going over and  
17 over it. Again, not knowing that that  
18 door is an apartment door.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Sir, if you could just answer the  
21 question I asked. If ten seconds had passed,  
22 would that have been less than required under the  
23 knock and announce rule?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: The requirement isn't  
3 30 seconds. It's suggested 30 seconds.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Okay. What about ten seconds,  
6 would ten seconds have complied with the knock and  
7 announce rule, or it would have been too little  
8 time?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
10 Lieutenant, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: If there's no other  
12 variables, perhaps it would have been  
13 too short.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. Why did you order the breach  
16 of Ms. Alvarado's front door at the time that you  
17 did?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
19 but Lieutenant, you can answer, if you  
20 can.

21 THE WITNESS: Again, not knowing it  
22 was Ms. Alvarado's door, the door --  
23 typically the exterior door is just  
24 that, the door leading into the

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1 premises. Once you enter the vestibule,  
2 there's multiple doors, depending upon  
3 how many units you have in there. Each  
4 one has an individual door.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Sir, you've already testified that  
7 there were no exigent circumstances, correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. You had control over the situation,  
13 you had control over the scene, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
15 Lieutenant, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Say  
17 that --

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. You had control over the situation,  
20 correct?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Lieutenant, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: Control over the  
24 situation, meaning?

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. There were no -- well, strike that  
3 question.

4 The SWAT Unit that day had the  
5 ability to choose the time when they would breach  
6 the door, if they were gonna breach the door,  
7 correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: When you say time,  
11 the time of the execution or --

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Sure. At some point the SWAT Unit  
14 breached the door, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the SWAT Unit had the ability  
17 that day to choose when they would do that, if  
18 they would do it, correct?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. So why did you choose the time that  
24 you chose?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
2 Lieutenant, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Are you talking about  
4 6:00 a.m.?

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. The testimony of all the officers  
7 we've deposed in this case is the only reason that  
8 door was breached is because you told them to do  
9 that.

10 A. You're speaking of -- I'm sorry.

11 Q. So why did you make that choice?  
12 What was going through your mind when you say we  
13 gotta do it right now? Why did you do it?

14 A. I thought you were referring to the  
15 time of the execution. Again, in my mind, the  
16 exterior door is just that, a door leading into  
17 the premises. Once we enter the premises, there's  
18 gonna be an individual door to the second floor.

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And an objection  
20 to the question for the record.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. So prior to breaching that  
23 particular door, you were not concerned with  
24 giving anybody who might be behind that door an

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1 opportunity to voluntarily surrender that door,  
2 correct?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Lieutenant, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question,  
6 please.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. That door that was breached, prior  
9 to breaching that door, you were not concerned  
10 with allowing enough time for anyone who might be  
11 behind that door an opportunity to voluntarily  
12 surrender the premises, correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Incorrect, because  
15 again, we performed a knock and  
16 announce. Though it may have been  
17 shorter, we did perform a knock and  
18 announce.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Why didn't you wait the full 30  
21 seconds?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: Because most of the

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1 time the occupants do not hear that  
2 knock because it's an exterior door.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. But why didn't you allow the  
5 possibility that someone might hear the door?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
7 Lieutenant, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: The dogs were  
9 barking. When we knocked on the door,  
10 the dogs were barking. That should have  
11 been added to the knock, awakening the  
12 residents within.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. So you heard dogs barking on the  
15 other side of the door before you breached it,  
16 correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did that give you any sort of  
19 indication that that might be an occupied area?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Lieutenant, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Occupied within the  
23 premises, yes, but not specifically  
24 behind that door.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. It didn't occur to you that when  
3 you have a front -- when you have a door and  
4 there's dogs barking on the other side of that  
5 door, you might be entering someone's private  
6 residence?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Dogs barking within  
10 the premises, not necessarily behind  
11 that door. We're hearing dogs barking.  
12 We hear dogs barking from inside the  
13 property, but it's nothing indicating  
14 that that door leads right into the  
15 property.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. So is it your testimony that you  
18 ordered the breach of Ms. Alvarado's front door  
19 sooner than you might have otherwise because you  
20 heard dogs barking?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Lieutenant, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: That combined with  
24 the fact that typically it's an exterior

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1 door and there are apartment doors  
2 behind it.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Why did the dogs barking play any  
5 role in your decisionmaking as to length required  
6 for the knock and announce rule?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Because you hear the  
10 dogs barking, but you hear no humans.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. I'm sorry. Sir, did you ever  
13 receive any training from the Philadelphia Police  
14 Department that told you that under the knock and  
15 announce rule, you should knock, allow the  
16 occupants a reasonable opportunity to surrender  
17 the premises, except if you hear dogs barking in  
18 which case that's no longer required; is there any  
19 sort of rule like that that you were ever informed  
20 of?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Lieutenant, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: No.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Is there any sort of policy or  
2 procedure of the Philadelphia Police Department  
3 that said there was an exception to the knock and  
4 announce rule if people heard dogs barking?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection  
6 Lieutenant, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, it depends on  
8 the circumstance, but generally, no.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. So your training didn't tell you  
11 that dogs barking should lessen the period of time  
12 that you allow someone to voluntarily surrender  
13 the premises before you smash open the door?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
15 Lieutenant, you can answer.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. There was no policy or procedure of  
18 the Philadelphia Police Department, so why did you  
19 do it?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
21 Lieutenant, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Again, typically an  
23 exterior door to a multi unit structure  
24 is just that, an exterior door. Once

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1 you breach that, there's individual  
2 apartment doors.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Sir, to be clear, right now I'm  
5 just trying to focus in on the dogs barking. You  
6 heard the dogs barking. You therefore said that  
7 was a reason why you ordered the breach when you  
8 did. What about the dogs barking made you lessen  
9 the amount of time that you gave Ms. Alvarado to  
10 open her door?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Lieutenant, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Because the dogs are  
14 barking, but yet I'm not hearing any  
15 humans say wait, I'm coming, or anything  
16 of that nature.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. How much time would you allow the  
19 occupant of the property to hear the dogs barking  
20 and speak up?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Lieutenant, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Repeat  
24 the question.



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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. How much time would you allow under  
 3 those circumstances?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 5 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
 6 THE WITNESS: How much time would I  
 7 allow for what?  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. So you hear dogs barking, right?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. How much time would you allow  
 12 people to hear their dogs barking and say  
 13 something in response?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 15 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: The situation -- it  
 17 depends, but generally when dogs are  
 18 barking people generally say wait a  
 19 minute, I'm coming, at least that's been  
 20 my experience.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. And if you don't hear that  
 23 immediately, you're gonna smash open their door,  
 24 correct?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: It wasn't immediate.  
 4 We gave a knock and announce. The dogs  
 5 are barking during the time we were  
 6 knocking and announcing.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Sir, I can represent to you that we  
 9 have surveillance footage of this incident and it  
 10 was well less than ten seconds between someone  
 11 first even standing on that stoop and that door  
 12 being breached.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Does that sound reasonable to you?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 18 THE WITNESS: When you combine that  
 19 with the fact that typically occupants  
 20 do not hear that knock in the --  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Do you think that you should allow  
 23 someone at least ten seconds to respond before  
 24 breaking their front door?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Especially when you don't know for  
 5 sure if you're even at the right house?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Well, we know we're  
 9 at the right house.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Sir, you were not at the right  
 12 house, correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Going by the address,  
 16 4664 Torresdale, we were at the right  
 17 premises.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. But you did not enter the correct  
 20 apartment, correct?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: In retrospect, no, we  
 24 did not.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. And I believe you've already  
 3 testified that you didn't know for sure what was  
 4 behind that door, correct?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No, we did not.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. So you knew before you went through  
 10 the door that you weren't sure what was on the  
 11 other side and it might be someone else's  
 12 apartment, correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. You were at least aware of the  
 17 possibility? Strike the question.  
 18 You were at least aware of the  
 19 possibility that you were going in the wrong  
 20 apartment?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: No, I was not.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. You didn't even consider the  
2 possibility that that door might lead to the  
3 first floor apartment?  
4 A. No.  
5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection for the  
6 record.  
7 BY MR. WEST:  
8 Q. Did you make any effort whatsoever,  
9 prior to executing this warrant, to ascertain who  
10 lived in the first floor apartment?  
11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object.  
12 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
13 THE WITNESS: Did I personally?  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. You or anyone under your command,  
16 to your knowledge?  
17 A. Not to my knowledge.  
18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
19 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge.  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. Did you ever ask anyone if they  
22 had made any sort of reconnaissance to figure out  
23 where the first floor apartment was located?  
24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

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1 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
2 THE WITNESS: No.  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. Did you ask anyone, hey, did we try  
5 to figure out where these different apartments are  
6 located?  
7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
9 THE WITNESS: No, I did not ask.  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. But you just assumed that this door  
12 couldn't possibly lead to the first floor  
13 apartment?  
14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
15 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
16 THE WITNESS: The only thing I  
17 assumed was that there was gonna be two  
18 doors, at least two doors, behind this  
19 exterior door.  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. Sir, you knew that there were dogs  
22 inside before you breached the property?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
24 Lieutenant, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. I heard dogs  
2 barking.  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. Had you considered the possibility  
5 that once the property was breached the dogs  
6 inside might react defensively?  
7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
9 THE WITNESS: Depending upon which  
10 apartment we're going to, yes.  
11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. So you were aware of the  
13 possibility that once the door was breached the  
14 dogs may make some effort to scare the intruders  
15 away, correct?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
18 THE WITNESS: Depending upon which  
19 apartment we're going into, yes. If  
20 there's an apartment that there's no  
21 dogs, there's no issue.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. And to be clear, in this scenario,  
24 you were the intruder, correct?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
3 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't classify  
4 myself as an intruder.  
5 BY MR. WEST:  
6 Q. Were you intruding into the  
7 property?  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
10 Q. Illegally?  
11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
13 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Restate  
14 the question.  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. Were you in fact intruding into the  
17 property illegally?  
18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
20 THE WITNESS: At that time, no, we  
21 were not intruding illegally.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. Did you have a warrant to enter  
24 the first floor apartment?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: No.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. So you knew that when the  
 6 property was breached the dogs inside may react  
 7 defensively to try to scare away the intruders?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 9 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. What, based on your training, did  
 12 you expect the dogs to do?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Dogs will protect  
 16 their premises.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. How, in your experience or  
 19 training, are dogs likely to protect their home?  
 20 A. How?  
 21 Q. Yeah.  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 THE WITNESS: They attack whoever  
 24 is invading their home.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. So before you broke the door down,  
 3 you knew that there was a likelihood that the  
 4 dogs on the other side might try to attack  
 5 whoever came through the door, correct?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Again, not knowing  
 9 that door is leading into a first floor  
 10 apartment -- there's supposed to be at  
 11 least two apartments in the building  
 12 from the exterior door. So dogs could  
 13 be on the first floor or dogs could be  
 14 on the second floor.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Sir, could you answer the question  
 17 that was asked?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to  
 19 the question. Lieutenant, you can  
 20 answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Please restate the  
 22 question.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Sure. Before that door was

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1 breached, you knew that there was a possibility  
 2 that there were dogs on the other side of the  
 3 door, correct?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. And you knew that there was a  
 8 possibility that those dogs would act as dogs  
 9 naturally do and try to defend their property,  
 10 correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. And you knew that, from the point  
 16 of view of the dogs, people were intruding into  
 17 the property, correct?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. And you knew that it would be  
 23 natural for the dogs to either try to scare away  
 24 the people coming through the door or defend the

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1 home, correct?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 3 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Did that in any way effect your  
 7 decision as to the timing of breaching the door?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: No, because again, in  
 11 my mind, it's a multi unit structure.  
 12 At least two doors are gonna be behind  
 13 this exterior door. That's the only  
 14 thing that was in my mind.  
 15 MR. WEST: Let's mark Monk-4.  
 16 ---  
 17 (Whereupon, Exhibit Monk-4 was  
 18 marked for identification.)  
 19 ---  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. I want to put on the record that  
 22 the document I've handed you, that's marked as  
 23 Monk-4, is a document that was produced to us in  
 24 discovery by the defendants. It's been Bates

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1 stamped Defendant 235 to 240.

2 Sir, I'm just gonna read from the  
3 first page. So it's I, Introduction, Section B,  
4 Training Objectives. First of all, have you ever  
5 seen this document before?

6 A. No.

7 Q. So it says -- B1 says, "Failing to  
8 anticipate a dog on the premises is a frequent  
9 mistake that officers make." Had you ever  
10 received any training about that from the  
11 Philadelphia Police Department?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

13 THE WITNESS: No.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to why  
16 failing to anticipate a dog on the premises might  
17 be a mistake?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

19 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't know why that  
21 would be a frequent mistake for  
22 officers.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. So will you go to page four

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1 of the document that's Bates stamped 238?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is says tools, right, do you see  
4 that there?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. "Having the right tools or knowing  
7 how to use ordinary objects can prevent an  
8 attack." Pepper spray. Did you or the other  
9 members of the SWAT Unit have any pepper spray  
10 prior to entering Ms. Alvarado's home?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

12 Lieutenant, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: I had pepper spray on  
14 me. I cannot attest to whether my  
15 officers had pepper spray.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Because you knew that there was a  
18 chance there was a dog in the property, did anyone  
19 pull out their pepper spray before breaching the  
20 property?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

22 MR. WEST: Strike the question.

23 I'm gonna rephrase it.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Prior to breaching the property,  
2 had any of your SWAT officers pulled out their  
3 pepper spray in anticipation of anticipating --  
4 strike the question. I apologize. I'm just  
5 wording it wrong. I'm not trying to take up extra  
6 of your time.

7 Prior to breaching Ms. Alvarado's  
8 door, had you or any of the other SWAT officers  
9 pulled out your pepper spray in anticipation that  
10 you might be encountering a dog?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

12 THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware  
13 of.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. And you gave no such order,  
16 correct?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

18 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. And no such training had been  
21 received by any of the SWAT Unit officers, to your  
22 knowledge, correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

24 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

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1 THE WITNESS: Training as to?

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. That one of the things you'd want  
4 to do before going into someone's property, if you  
5 think they have a dog, is pull out your pepper  
6 spray?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

8 Lieutenant, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: We use pepper spray  
10 as a last resort.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Before shooting the dog?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

14 Lieutenant.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm not saying before  
16 shooting a dog, but as a last resort  
17 period, because it contaminates the  
18 area, contaminates the officers,  
19 contaminates the occupants.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Right. So given the choice between  
22 shooting the dog or giving the dog pepper spray,  
23 you would choose shooting the dog?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. So pepper spray is not exactly the  
2 last resort, correct?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
4 Lieutenant.

5 THE WITNESS: In that vein, no,  
6 it's not the last resort.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. If an officer has a choice between  
9 using pepper spray against a dog or shooting the  
10 dog in the head, which do you think they should  
11 choose?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
13 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

14 THE WITNESS: That depends on the  
15 circumstances. If the dog is actively  
16 attacking the officer, he has to do what  
17 he has to do. That's his judgment call.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. In any case, prior to breaching  
20 Ms. Alvarado's door, nobody prepared pepper spray  
21 in anticipation of maybe having to encounter a  
22 dog, correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And prior -- you also see that it

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. And certainly no one pulled out an  
3 ASP or baton prior to breaching the door in  
4 anticipation of encountering a dog, correct?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
6 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

7 THE WITNESS: I will say that we're  
8 not gonna have an ASP in our hands going  
9 in. We have our weapons in our hand.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Sir, if you could just answer the  
12 question you're being asked.

13 Prior to breaching Ms. Alvarado's  
14 door, neither you, nor any of the other entry team  
15 pulled out a baton or an ASP in an anticipation of  
16 dealing with the dog?

17 A. That's correct.

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And objection to  
19 form for the record.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. And the other tool listed here is a  
22 CO2 fire extinguisher. Did you or any other of  
23 the SWAT Team members have a CO2 fire extinguisher  
24 with them?

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1 says here that you should have the right tools for  
2 dealing with the dog include a noose or a snare,  
3 right?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Did anyone in your group of  
8 soldiers have either a noose or a snare prior to  
9 entering Ms. Alvarado's property?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. It says baton A-S-P. What does  
14 A-S-P stand for in this context?

15 A. The ASP.

16 Q. Did either you or any of the other  
17 officers who were entering Ms. Alvarado's  
18 apartment have a baton or an ASP prior to  
19 breaching the door?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

21 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

22 THE WITNESS: I do not recall.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Not to your knowledge, correct?

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1 A. We have a water based fire  
2 extinguisher. Not a CO2.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. No. No, we did not.

5 Q. And was it your understanding that  
6 the water based fire extinguisher was something  
7 that could be used with the dog?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
9 but Lieutenant, answer, if you can.

10 THE WITNESS: No. We typically use  
11 that for fires.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. Prior to breaching  
14 Ms. Alvarado's door, had any plan been made as to  
15 what the officers should do when they encountered  
16 the dog on the other side?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

18 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Based on your understanding of the  
22 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
23 Department, under what circumstances may an  
24 officer shoot a dog?



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1 A. If he's being attacked. If he or  
2 she is being attacked.  
3 Q. Okay. And I believe, sir, your  
4 testimony earlier today --  
5 A. Or if the dog is attacking someone  
6 else.  
7 Q. Okay. And I believe your testimony  
8 earlier was that you entered the property and  
9 walked past the dog and you saw the woman in the  
10 kitchen area prior to the dog being shot, correct?  
11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Lieutenant.  
13 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. So is it fair to infer that you did  
16 not actually see the shooting?  
17 A. No, I did not.  
18 Q. Do you know personally whether or  
19 not the dog had attacked anyone before it got  
20 shot?  
21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
22 THE WITNESS: I did not see the  
23 attack, no.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Because you knew that there was a  
2 likelihood the dog might naturally try to defend  
3 the premises once the door was breached, did you  
4 put any thought into putting any sort of measures  
5 in place where the issue of the dog might be able  
6 to be dealt with in such a way that didn't result  
7 in the dog's death?  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
10 THE WITNESS: No, because often  
11 times when we go in, the owner is able  
12 to secure the dog, the animal.  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. Did you at any point hear  
15 Ms. Alvarado ask for an opportunity to put her  
16 dog in its cage?  
17 A. No, I don't recall.  
18 Q. Do you recall anything that  
19 Ms. Alvarado was saying at that time?  
20 A. No, I do not.  
21 Q. Do you recall anything that  
22 Ms. Alvarado said that entire day?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
24 Lieutenant, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: To sit right here to  
2 say I can -- no, I cannot recall.  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. At what point did you realize that  
5 you were in the wrong apartment?  
6 A. Once we cleared, as we now know,  
7 the first floor apartment, and there was no way to  
8 get to the second floor.  
9 Q. How long did that take?  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
11 THE WITNESS: About four minutes,  
12 three or four minutes.  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. And then what happened?  
15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
16 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.  
17 THE WITNESS: In reference to the  
18 unit service report, it indicates that  
19 the occupant, I guess Ms. Alvarado,  
20 stated that the entrance to the second  
21 floor apartment is in the rear.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. Do you recall that happening?  
24 A. Her saying that, I can't say I

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1 recalled that, but we reform back outside the  
2 property and walk around to the rear.  
3 Q. Do you recall that the rear door is  
4 located on a cul-de-sac?  
5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form,  
6 but Lieutenant, you can answer, if you  
7 can.  
8 THE WITNESS: No, I don't remember  
9 that.  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. Once you -- strike the question.  
12 Am I correct to understand that your practice  
13 would be that if you heard a dog barking that  
14 would actually shorten the amount of time you  
15 would wait between knocking and announcing at a  
16 property and entering the property?  
17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Lieutenant, you can answer.  
19 THE WITNESS: No, that's incorrect.  
20 I said for this particular property,  
21 being that it was a multi unit  
22 structure, typically when you knock on  
23 that door, the occupants in either  
24 apartment do not hear it. So we breach



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1 and we go in and give a good knock on  
2 the individual apartment door.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Sir, you did say that hearing the  
5 dogs barking was one of the factors as to why the  
6 property was breached when it was breached,  
7 correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, because again  
11 that raises the awareness of the  
12 occupants inside and I didn't hear any  
13 humans.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Did it ever occur to you that you  
16 should allow more time than normal before  
17 breaching a property, if you hear that there are  
18 dogs inside?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: With the structure,  
22 no, I did not.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. I don't mean just the specific

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1 structure. I just mean generally as far as the  
2 practices that you follow as a member of the SWAT  
3 Unit. Did it ever occur to you that if you hear a  
4 dog inside you, for example, maybe need to make a  
5 plan as to how you're gonna deal with the dog  
6 before you breach the property, so that might  
7 actually be a reason to take a little bit more  
8 time before entering?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

10 THE WITNESS: No, we do not do  
11 that.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. And certainly no training or a  
14 policy or procedure coming down from the  
15 Philadelphia Police Department about giving  
16 yourself time to formulate a plan on how to deal  
17 with the dog, if you hear that there's a dog on  
18 the property, correct?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Lieutenant, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Repeat  
22 that again, please.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. There's no policy, procedure or

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1 training, from the Philadelphia Police Department,  
2 that would tell you that if you're planning to  
3 breach a property and you can hear that there's a  
4 dog inside the property, you should make a plan on  
5 how to deal with the likelihood of a dog encounter  
6 before breaching that property, correct?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Lieutenant.

9 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

10 MR. WEST: I have no further  
11 questions. Thank you.

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13 EXAMINATION

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15 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

16 Q. Lieutenant, I'll just have some  
17 very brief questions for you. I want to ask you,  
18 would you just describe, Lieutenant, for the  
19 record, the firearms that the members in your unit  
20 had on that date?

21 A. Our primary firearm is the SIG  
22 Sauer 400. It's an AR15 type rifle. That's our  
23 primary weapon. Our secondary weapon is our  
24 handgun, a Glock 17.

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1 Q. The rifle, how is that held? Is  
2 that held with two hands?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And all of the members of the entry  
5 team are equipped with that weapon?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, Lieutenant, I think you had  
8 said that you all were executing a warrant for a  
9 homicide suspect, is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Were you -- strike that question.  
12 Was it your understanding that this suspect was  
13 dangerous?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Lieutenant, I just want to direct  
16 your attention back to what's been marked  
17 previously as Monk-1, I believe, and 1A as well.  
18 This is the photograph of the front door, sir. If  
19 you could just take a look. The markings on this  
20 front door are 4664; is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you recall any markings on that  
23 front door that would have led you to believe that  
24 behind that front door there was not an entrance

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1 to the second floor apartment?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Is there anything there that

4 indicates to you that that is the entrance

5 exclusively to the first floor apartment?

6 A. I'm sorry?

7 Q. Let me rephrase that. It was

8 poorly phrased. Does anything on the entrance,

9 that you can see here in this picture, indicate to

10 you that that is an entrance only to the first

11 floor apartment and not to the second floor

12 apartment?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Now, I believe you testified

15 earlier that you did not know what was behind that

16 front door. Is it possible that behind that front

17 door there could have been a hallway?

18 MR. WEST: Object to the form of

19 the question.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

22 Q. Is it possible that when you

23 entered into that front door, that you see there

24 in Monk-1, that you would have found a hallway

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1 leading up to the second floor apartment?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that what you believed when you

4 entered that front door?

5 A. That's correct.

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's all the

7 questions I have, unless Keith has any

8 follow-up questions.

9 MR. WEST: I guess I do.

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11 EXAMINATION

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13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Is that the standard, as you

15 understand it, of reconnaissance that the

16 Philadelphia Police Department would follow as of

17 June 2021, that you could breach a door if it was

18 possible that the door led somewhere you were

19 allowed to go?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

21 Lieutenant, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Can you

23 repeat that question again, please?

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Right. Based on your understanding

2 of what sort of reconnaissance was required prior

3 to executing a warrant, was it your understanding

4 that you were allowed to breach the front door

5 just based on the possibility that that door might

6 possibly lead to somewhere where you were legally

7 allowed to be?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

9 Lieutenant, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. And there was no higher standard

13 required, to your knowledge, than mere

14 possibility, correct?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

16 Lieutenant, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Departmentally a

18 higher standard established?

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Sure. Was there any higher

21 requirement implemented by the Philadelphia Police

22 Department, to your knowledge, for breaching

23 someone's front door, other than mere possibility

24 that that door might lead to a residence where you

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1 were legally allowed to be?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form

3 Lieutenant, you can answer, if you can.

4 THE WITNESS: Not that I am aware

5 of.

6 MR. WEST: Okay. Thank you, sir.

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No follow-ups.

8 Lieutenant, thank you very much for your

9 time.

10 VIDEOGRAPHER: I am stopping our

11 recording at 12:38 p.m.

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13 (Whereupon, the deposition

14 concluded at 12:38 p.m.)

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4 certification and filing be waived; and  
5 that all objections, except as to the  
6 form of the question, be reserved until  
7 the time of trial.)  
8 ---

9 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: This is  
10 the deposition of Sergeant Kevin  
11 Mellody, Badge Number 285. This is the  
12 audio/video deposition for use at trial  
13 in the matter of Felishatay Alvarado  
14 versus the City of Philadelphia, et.  
15 al., Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,  
16 Docket Number 220601633.

17 And I'm the video operator. My  
18 name is Courtney Kitcherman. And I'm  
19 employed by the Victims' Recovery Law  
20 Center. My address is 121 South Broad  
21 Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia,  
22 Pennsylvania 19107.

23 Today's date is October 11th of  
24 2023 at 11:06 a.m.

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1 This deposition is being performed  
2 in person.

3 The witness being deposed today is  
4 Sergeant Kevin Mellody, Badge Number  
5 285.

6 This deposition is being taken on  
7 behalf of the plaintiff, Felishatay  
8 Alvarado.

9 The officer taken in this  
10 deposition is Douglas Diamond. And he  
11 will swear the witness in at this time:

12 ---

13 . . . SERGEANT KEVIN MELLODY, having  
14 been duly sworn, as a witness, was  
15 examined and testified as follows . . .

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# EXAMINATION

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18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. All right. Good morning, Sergeant  
20 Mellody. My name is Keith West. And I'm one of  
21 the attorneys representing the plaintiff in this  
22 matter, Ms. Alvarado. And just preliminary  
23 questions we ask in every deposition.  
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1 Have you ever been in a deposition  
2 before?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. So how many times have you  
5 been deposed prior to this?

6 A. Probably like maybe one or two.

7 Q. Okay. And what were those cases  
8 about?

9 A. Last time it was probably like 20  
10 years ago. I probably couldn't even tell you.

11 Q. Okay. What was that case about?

12 A. Just a car stop. And somehow it  
13 turned into a lawsuit.

14 Q. Were you a defendant in that case?

15 A. Probably.

16 Q. Okay. And where were you --

17 A. That's the only one I remember, to  
18 be honest with you.

19 Q. And what were the allegations made  
20 against you in that case?

21 A. I don't recall the allegations.

22 Q. Okay. All right. Well, it sounds  
23 like you haven't been in a deposition recently.

24 So let me go over kind of the outline of how this

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1 works.

2 You've had a chance to confer with  
3 your attorney and you're prepared to go forward at  
4 this time; correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Are you under the influence of any  
7 sort of medication, substance, illness, anything  
8 that will impair your ability to testify  
9 truthfully today?

10 A. No.

11 Q. All right. So, as I'm sure your  
12 attorney has advised you, your only obligation  
13 today is to give truthful testimony based on your  
14 personal knowledge. So we're not going to ask for  
15 you to guess or speculate. Okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. On the other hand, we would like to  
18 know everything that you do know. If you aren't  
19 100 percent sure of the answer to any question  
20 you've given, but you believe that you can give an  
21 estimate or an approximation, that's perfectly  
22 fine. Just let us know that you are giving an  
23 estimate or approximation. Okay?

24 A. Okay.

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1 Q. This is not intended to be an  
2 unnecessarily uncomfortable process. So if at any  
3 time you need to take a break, you want to use the  
4 rest room, you want a cup of coffee, something  
5 like that, just let us know. Okay?

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Similarly, we're not trying to  
8 confuse you with our questions. So if I ask you  
9 any questions that you have trouble understanding  
10 and you need me to speak slower, louder, possibly  
11 rephrase the question, just let us know and we'll  
12 try to ask the question in a way you do understand  
13 it. Okay?

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. All right. So this lawsuit  
16 involves a warrant enforcement action which  
17 occurred on June 4th of 2021 on Torresdale Avenue.

18 Do you have any recollection of  
19 this incident at this time?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. All right. Let me ask you as kind  
22 of a preliminary question, in your memory, was  
23 there anything unusual about the way that the SWAT  
24 unit carried out this operation or was the conduct

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 of the SWAT unit typical, in your experience?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>3 form.</p> <p>4 But, Sergeant, you can answer.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: No, there was nothing</p> <p>6 out of the ordinary.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. And, to the best of your</p> <p>9 information, were all of the policies and</p> <p>10 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department</p> <p>11 --</p> <p>12 A. What was that word, all of the?</p> <p>13 Q. Policies?</p> <p>14 A. Okay.</p> <p>15 Q. So, to the best of your</p> <p>16 understanding, were all of the policies and</p> <p>17 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department</p> <p>18 followed by the SWAT unit that day?</p> <p>19 A. I believe so.</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to</p> <p>21 the form.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Was there anything that you</p> <p>24 saw or observed as part of the warrant enforcement</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 A. It's my internal affairs interview.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. So you had a chance to read</p> <p>3 your statement.</p> <p>4 Did you see any video?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you see any photographs or any</p> <p>7 other written materials?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. All right. Let's start with your</p> <p>10 statement. I'm sure I have it somewhere.</p> <p>11 MR. WEST: All right. Doug, if we</p> <p>12 can mark this document as Mellody-1?</p> <p>13 ---</p> <p>14 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-1 was</p> <p>15 marked for identification.)</p> <p>16 ---</p> <p>17 MR. WEST: Adam, do you need a</p> <p>18 copy?</p> <p>19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I don't. Thank</p> <p>20 you.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. All right. Sir, so if you could</p> <p>23 take a moment to review that?</p> <p>24 A. (Witness complies.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 action at 4664 Torresdale Avenue that in any way</p> <p>2 was inconsistent with the training that you</p> <p>3 received from the Philadelphia Police Department?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,</p> <p>6 Sergeant.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Was there anything that you saw or</p> <p>10 observed with regards to the warrant enforcement</p> <p>11 action at 4664 Torresdale Avenue that was in any</p> <p>12 way inconsistent with your understanding of the</p> <p>13 obligations of the SWAT unit pursuant to the</p> <p>14 United States Constitution?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: No, it was not.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. All right. Have you had a chance</p> <p>20 to review any documents, materials or video or</p> <p>21 pictures in preparation for today's deposition?</p> <p>22 A. I just read this two minutes ago.</p> <p>23 (Witness indicating.)</p> <p>24 Q. Is that a statement?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 Q. And is this the statement that you</p> <p>2 reviewed in anticipation for today's testimony?</p> <p>3 A. No. This is from the shooting</p> <p>4 investigation team.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. You have a copy of the</p> <p>6 document, I think, there.</p> <p>7 Could you show it to me?</p> <p>8 A. Show this one?</p> <p>9 Q. Let me see it.</p> <p>10 A. (Witness complies.)</p> <p>11 Q. Let me check. I think they are the</p> <p>12 same. All right. So let's begin with the</p> <p>13 statement to internal affairs.</p> <p>14 MR. WEST: And we'll mark this as</p> <p>15 Mellody-2.</p> <p>16 ---</p> <p>17 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-2 was</p> <p>18 marked for identification.)</p> <p>19 ---</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. Sir, before we review the internal</p> <p>22 affairs statement, which is marked as Mellody-2,</p> <p>23 as you had a chance to review this document prior</p> <p>24 to today's deposition, was there anything that you</p>

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1 recognized as being inaccurate or incomplete?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. Okay. Are the statements that you  
 4 gave, which are recorded in this document,  
 5 consistent with your recollection of the events  
 6 today?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. All right. Sir, so if you look at  
 9 the second page of this document, which is Bates  
 10 Stamped as 62, when you look at the second  
 11 question and answer, it says, what information  
 12 prior to executing the search warrant, search  
 13 arrest warrant, for a suspect at 4664 Torresdale  
 14 Avenue?  
 15 And the answer is just the arrest  
 16 and search warrant.  
 17 Do you see that?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. Is that accurate?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Isn't it true that you conducted a  
 22 reconnaissance of the property prior to the  
 23 enforcement?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. So wouldn't it be more  
 2 accurate to say that you had the search and arrest  
 3 warrant and the fruits of your reconnaissance?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 5 form of the question.  
 6 But, Sergeant, you can answer it  
 7 again.  
 8 THE WITNESS: So when you say -- on  
 9 our end when you say and prior  
 10 information, the information we get is  
 11 the search and arrest warrant. And then  
 12 we go out and recon that location. So  
 13 how I look at it is the only information  
 14 that I have that was given to me is the  
 15 search and arrest warrant. Everything  
 16 else was on my end.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. All right. But if someone asked  
 19 you what information you had prior to executing  
 20 the search and arrest warrant, that would include  
 21 the search and arrest warrant, itself, plus  
 22 whatever information you gained through your  
 23 reconnaissance; correct?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the

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1 form.  
 2 Sergeant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: You could say that.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Now, did the SWAT unit conduct  
 6 reconnaissance of the property prior to executing  
 7 the search and arrest warrant for 4664 Torresdale  
 8 Avenue?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. Who did that; if you know?  
 11 A. I did.  
 12 Q. Did you do it with anyone else?  
 13 A. Officer Clark.  
 14 Q. Okay. All right.  
 15 Well, what did you do,  
 16 specifically?  
 17 A. Basically we go out and look at the  
 18 location. We look at staging area locations, the  
 19 rest of the property. We look at doors, windows,  
 20 floors, side windows, how the rear is, and then  
 21 hospital routes to hospitals.  
 22 Q. Okay. Did you do a personal  
 23 inspection of the property?  
 24 A. As best as we can without getting

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1 -- tipping off the people at the location.  
 2 Q. Did you do a personal inspection of  
 3 the property at 4664 Torresdale Avenue?  
 4 A. You could say I did, yes.  
 5 Q. Did you or did you not?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Okay. Please describe to me, in as  
 8 much detail as possible, the physical inspection  
 9 of the property you did.  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 11 form.  
 12 But, Sergeant, to the best of your  
 13 ability.  
 14 THE WITNESS: As far as in colors  
 15 and stuff like that, I probably couldn't  
 16 tell you at this moment, but it's  
 17 basically a rowhome with a door and  
 18 windows on the front. And looked into  
 19 the rear and there was a door with  
 20 windows on the rear.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. Sir, you might have  
 23 misunderstood the question. I wasn't asking you  
 24 to describe what the property looks like. I was

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1 asking you to describe what you specifically did  
2 with regards to a physical inspection of the  
3 property.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
5 form.

6 THE WITNESS: Okay. I've got you.  
7 Basically, rode by the property. You  
8 physically look at it as inconspicuous  
9 as you can. Looked at the front. And  
10 then we go drive around the back or walk  
11 around the back and look at the rear.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. When you drove by, what  
14 street were you on?

15 A. The front's Torresdale.

16 Q. Okay. So you drove by the property  
17 on Torresdale Avenue; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Did you drive by on any  
20 other street?

21 A. Well, the property is on  
22 Torresdale.

23 Q. So you only drove by on Torresdale  
24 Avenue; correct?

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1 physically inspected the property.

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
3 form.

4 But, Sergeant, go ahead.

5 THE WITNESS: Basically, just got  
6 out of the car, looked at the property,  
7 see like how many windows, doors, stuff  
8 like that.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Did you take any pictures?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you take any contemporaneous  
13 notes?

14 A. The notes we take is basically we  
15 relay it back to the guys at the office and they  
16 do our recon sheet.

17 Q. Okay. Sir, so if you look at the  
18 statement, which is marked as Mellody-2, could you  
19 switch to the second page, that's Bates Stamped  
20 36, and just look to the second question and  
21 answer section?

22 A. Second page, Question Number 2?

23 Q. Yes. This is on Mellody -- sorry,  
24 Mellody-1.

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. Did you get out and explore  
3 the property by foot or only by passing it in a  
4 car?

5 A. The front, vehicle. The rear, we  
6 got out.

7 Q. Okay. So where --

8 A. Like the rear is like an alleyway  
9 with, I believe, there's a parking lot behind the  
10 alleyway there.

11 Q. Okay. So you drove by on  
12 Torresdale Avenue; correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And then you got out at some point?

15 A. When we went to look at the rear,  
16 whatever that cross street is, we were down the  
17 cross street and there was like an alleyway or a  
18 parking lot or something in the rear there.

19 Q. Where did you park your car when  
20 you got out to inspect the property by foot?

21 A. Whatever that cross street is  
22 somewhere in there.

23 Q. Okay. And explain to me as much as  
24 you can remember about what you did when you

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1 A. (Witness complies.)

2 Q. So this is the interview statement  
3 that you gave to who?

4 A. This statement here to, I believe,  
5 the shooting team.

6 Q. Okay. And you did not have a  
7 chance to review this prior to today; correct?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. So if you look at the second  
10 question and answer, it says, would you please go  
11 in your own words and tell me everything you know  
12 about this incident?

13 And the answer, I'm just going to  
14 read the first two sentences. It says, we did a  
15 knock and announce in front of the property at  
16 4664 Torresdale Avenue. There was no response  
17 from any occupants.

18 Is that accurate?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sergeant, take as  
20 much as time as you need to review it.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Okay. So there was a knock and  
24 announce done at the property at 4664 Torresdale



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 Avenue?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. And there was no response from any</p> <p>4 occupants; is that correct?</p> <p>5 A. Correct.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. How do you know that?</p> <p>7 A. How do I know that there was no</p> <p>8 response?</p> <p>9 Q. Well, actually, let me clarify.</p> <p>10 How do you know that there was a</p> <p>11 knock and announce at the property?</p> <p>12 A. I was the sixth person in line.</p> <p>13 Q. So you physically saw a knock and</p> <p>14 announce; correct?</p> <p>15 A. Physically, no. Heard, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. Because I'm -- I was the last guy</p> <p>18 in the stack, which is probably from like the door</p> <p>19 to the wall, and I'm sitting right here.</p> <p>20 (Witness indicating.)</p> <p>21 Q. Who did the knock and announce?</p> <p>22 A. I don't know who the breachers</p> <p>23 were. I'd have to look that up.</p> <p>24 MR. WEST: All right. Let's mark</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A. If Clark is saying -- if it says</p> <p>2 Clark, then it was probably Clark. Like I</p> <p>3 couldn't tell you exactly. If I didn't have this</p> <p>4 document I couldn't tell you who breached that</p> <p>5 morning.</p> <p>6 MR. WEST: Doug, please mark this</p> <p>7 as Melody-4 and provide it to the</p> <p>8 witness. This is the recon.</p> <p>9 ---</p> <p>10 (Whereupon, Exhibit Melody-4 was</p> <p>11 marked for identification.)</p> <p>12 ---</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Sergeant Melody, I believe that</p> <p>15 you testified earlier today that when you</p> <p>16 inspected the property what you inspected would be</p> <p>17 written down subsequently in the reconnaissance</p> <p>18 sheet.</p> <p>19 Is that your testimony?</p> <p>20 A. Correct.</p> <p>21 Q. And when you referred to a</p> <p>22 reconnaissance sheet for the property at 4664</p> <p>23 Torresdale Avenue, is that the document in your</p> <p>24 hand, which has been marked as Melody-4?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 as Melody-3, this is the statement</p> <p>2 given by Lieutenant Demetrius Monk to</p> <p>3 the officer involved shooting</p> <p>4 investigation unit Bates Stamped as</p> <p>5 Defense 43 to 45.</p> <p>6 ---</p> <p>7 (Whereupon, Exhibit Melody-3 was</p> <p>8 marked for identification.)</p> <p>9 ---</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. Sir, if you could turn to second</p> <p>12 page?</p> <p>13 A. (Witness complies.)</p> <p>14 Q. And if you look at the second</p> <p>15 question-and-answer exchange on this document it</p> <p>16 reads, upon your arrival at 4664 Torresdale</p> <p>17 Avenue, what did you see and do?</p> <p>18 And I'll read the first sentence of</p> <p>19 Lieutenant Monk's answer.</p> <p>20 Upon arrival Officer Clark</p> <p>21 approached the door, knocked and announced,</p> <p>22 police, with a warrant, open the door.</p> <p>23 Does this refresh your recollection</p> <p>24 as to which officer did the knock and announce?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Are you able to determine</p> <p>3 from this document who the officers were that</p> <p>4 breached the door as part of that operation?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. What are the names?</p> <p>7 A. Clark and Murray.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. So whoever did the knock and</p> <p>9 announce, would that have been either Clark or</p> <p>10 Murray?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>12 form.</p> <p>13 But, Sergeant, to the extent you</p> <p>14 know.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Do you see any reference to</p> <p>18 a rear door anywhere on this document?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you see any reference anywhere</p> <p>21 on this document, which would suggest that a</p> <p>22 physical inspection of the property was done by</p> <p>23 foot?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p>

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1 form.  
 2 But, Sergeant, to the extent you  
 3 can tell.  
 4 THE WITNESS: Repeat that question  
 5 for me again?  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Do you see any notation on this  
 8 reconnaissance sheet to a physical inspection of  
 9 the property being done by foot?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 11 But, Sergeant, to the extent you  
 12 know.  
 13 THE WITNESS: You can see where it  
 14 says property, property marked, their  
 15 property on the right from the corner  
 16 store, Philly Deli Delight, at Margaret  
 17 Street and Torresdale. So Margaret was  
 18 the cross street. And that's a  
 19 two-story rowhome.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. That's all information that  
 22 could have been obtained by driving past the  
 23 property on Torresdale Avenue; correct?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the

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1 form.  
 2 But, Sergeant, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. I don't see any reference to  
 6 an alleyway here.  
 7 Do you?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 Sergeant, to the extent you can  
 10 tell.  
 11 THE WITNESS: Driveway, well,  
 12 driveway, alleyway.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Where is that?  
 15 A. It says, rear, same on the right  
 16 street on Margaret Street and left on the first  
 17 driveway, the property on the left.  
 18 Q. The photograph that's attached to  
 19 the property is a photograph of the front door  
 20 that was taken from Google Maps; right?  
 21 A. If that's what you're saying.  
 22 Q. Do you remember at this point?  
 23 A. I don't recall. I don't recall  
 24 that.

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1 Q. Okay.  
 2 A. I couldn't tell you where this was  
 3 from. It's all like distorted.  
 4 Q. Well, we're going off in a  
 5 different direction.  
 6 Back to who did the knock and  
 7 announce, would it have to have been either Clark  
 8 or Murray?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 10 form.  
 11 Sergeant, again, to the extent you  
 12 know.  
 13 THE WITNESS: According to this  
 14 sheet it would have been Clark or  
 15 Murray.  
 16 MR. WEST: Okay. So let's mark  
 17 this document as Mellody-5.  
 18 ---  
 19 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-5 was  
 20 marked for identification.)  
 21 ---  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Sir, if you can you take a moment  
 24 to review this, this is the OISI interview

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1 statement given by Officer Brian Murray. And if  
 2 you look on the second page I actually highlighted  
 3 a portion of Officer Murray's answer. Let me know  
 4 when you can see that.  
 5 A. I see it.  
 6 Q. And you can see on here that  
 7 according to Officer Murray, quote, "Officer Clark  
 8 conducted the knock and announce.  
 9 Do you see that?  
 10 A. Uh-huh.  
 11 Q. Does that refresh your recollection  
 12 as to who supposedly did the knock and announce?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 14 form.  
 15 But, Sergeant, to the extent you  
 16 know.  
 17 THE WITNESS: If it's in this  
 18 document then obviously Officer Clark  
 19 conducted the knock and announce. But  
 20 if you want me physically remembering  
 21 it, no.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. It certainly wasn't Officer  
 24 Murray; correct?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.

2 THE WITNESS: If it says -- if

3 Murray's saying it was Clark, then it  
4 was Officer Clark.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Did you have any communications  
7 with Detective Graf or Detective Scally prior to  
8 the execution of this warrant?

9 A. At the stage, but the names you're  
10 saying, I can't put the names to the faces.

11 Q. Okay. So am I correct in  
12 interpreting your answer as saying that you recall  
13 speaking to some detectives at the staging area  
14 prior to the discussion, but you can't remember  
15 precisely who they were at this time?

16 A. Correct, correct.

17 Q. Okay. Prior to the staging area,  
18 had you communicated with any detectives about the  
19 execution of this warrant?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you receive any information  
22 from any detectives about the suspect's home or  
23 how to enter the home prior to getting to the  
24 staging area?

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1 A. No.

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And object to the  
3 form, just for the record.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Do you know whether or not the  
6 suspect was on probation or parole at the time of  
7 the warrant execution operation?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. As part of your reconnaissance, is  
10 that information that you normally would have  
11 obtained?

12 A. Normally, no. Sometimes, yes. It  
13 all depends what the detectives tell our desk guy  
14 when they call it in.

15 Q. Okay. But your recollection with  
16 regards to this specific operation, the detectives  
17 didn't tell you anything; correct?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
19 form.

20 Sergeant, if you understand, you  
21 can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't recall what  
23 they exactly told me at the staging area  
24 about parole, no.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But had you conducted your  
3 reconnaissance prior to or after arriving at the  
4 staging area?

5 A. Before.

6 Q. So any communications you had with  
7 the detectives would not have informed your  
8 reconnaissance; correct?

9 A. Repeat that again for me?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
11 form.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Yes. Any information that you  
14 obtained from the detectives would have come to  
15 you after you were already done with your  
16 reconnaissance?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Well, the information, how it works  
20 is they call our desk guy and they give all of the  
21 information, like address, all of the information,  
22 warrant number and all of that stuff. And if  
23 there's any additional like information they want  
24 to give to our desk guy, they do. But as far as

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1 like me and other officers, we'll go to the stage  
2 and they might tell us if there's something else  
3 going on at the job at that location.

4 Q. Okay. You and Officer Clark --  
5 strike the question.

6 When you and Officer Clark  
7 conducted the reconnaissance for this operation  
8 you were the supervising officer over Clark;  
9 correct?

10 A. Correct, yeah.

11 Q. Is part of the reconnaissance with  
12 regards to how the SWAT unit operates determining  
13 the route that the SWAT unit should follow when  
14 attempting to enter a property?

15 A. Route by vehicle or route by like  
16 approaching the house?

17 Q. Approaching the house.

18 A. Yes, we do have something in place  
19 where if there's windows and doors are, we come in  
20 a certain direction.

21 Q. For example, the 4664 Torresdale  
22 Avenue property had a front door and a rear door;  
23 correct?

24 A. Correct.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 Q. Was it ultimately your decision to</p> <p>2 enter the property through the front door rather</p> <p>3 than the rear door?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. Who made that decision?</p> <p>6 A. The decision to breach the door is</p> <p>7 by Lieutenant Monk.</p> <p>8 Q. Who made the decision as far as --</p> <p>9 strike the question.</p> <p>10 When you say it was Lieutenant</p> <p>11 Monk's decision to breach the door, the decision</p> <p>12 to breach is made when the SWAT unit officers are</p> <p>13 already in position outside the door; correct?</p> <p>14 A. Correct.</p> <p>15 Q. Who made the decision to send the</p> <p>16 SWAT unit to the front door -- let me lay a</p> <p>17 foundation.</p> <p>18 A. I know what you're getting at.</p> <p>19 Q. Yes, we know what we're talking</p> <p>20 about, but let me just try to create a clear</p> <p>21 record.</p> <p>22 At some point prior to the warrant</p> <p>23 being executed at the 4664 Torresdale Avenue,</p> <p>24 wasn't an operational decision made to breach the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 that the front door was the best</p> <p>2 opportunity for us to go through and</p> <p>3 that it was normally what the house gave</p> <p>4 us is what we could go through the door</p> <p>5 and there should have been some type of</p> <p>6 stairwell or door to the left or</p> <p>7 straight ahead.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. What was the description of the</p> <p>10 property in the search warrant?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>12 form.</p> <p>13 But, Sergeant, if you know.</p> <p>14 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>15 Q. If you recall at this time?</p> <p>16 A. I don't recall at this time. I</p> <p>17 don't know word for word what the search warrant</p> <p>18 said.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you recall if the search warrant</p> <p>20 referred to the suspect living in the rear</p> <p>21 apartment?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 property through the front door rather than the</p> <p>2 rear door?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Who made that decision?</p> <p>5 A. You could say -- you could say me</p> <p>6 because I reconned that job. And the way was</p> <p>7 that's the door we were going through.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Why did you make the</p> <p>9 decision to enter the property through the rear</p> <p>10 door rather than the rear door?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to</p> <p>12 object to the form of the question.</p> <p>13 But, Sergeant, you can explain.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: You just said --</p> <p>15 repeat that for me?</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Yes. Why did you make the decision</p> <p>18 to enter the property through the front door --</p> <p>19 A. You said rear door.</p> <p>20 Q. -- and not the rear door?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>22 But go ahead, Sergeant.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: The front of the</p> <p>24 location gave us all of the indications</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. And, actually, we've marked</p> <p>3 the recon sheet as what, Mellody-4?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. So the recon sheet specifically</p> <p>6 states it's apartment second floor rear; right?</p> <p>7 A. Yep.</p> <p>8 Q. So did it even occur to you that</p> <p>9 the entrance to the rear apartment might be</p> <p>10 through the rear door?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p> <p>12 form.</p> <p>13 But, Sergeant, you can explain.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: So with most, the</p> <p>15 majority of the times of these apartment</p> <p>16 buildings we go into, it's always</p> <p>17 through the front door. If we're going</p> <p>18 through a rear door the detectives</p> <p>19 usually tell us this guy lives in -- the</p> <p>20 door's in the rear. Like 99.9 percent</p> <p>21 we're going through the front door.</p> <p>22 That .1 percent the detectives might say</p> <p>23 their front door is in the rear.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>

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1 Q. Okay. By the information available  
2 to you as part of your reconnaissance is that you  
3 knew that there was a rear door on the property  
4 and you knew that you had a search warrant that  
5 specified that this was a rear apartment; correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
7 form.

8 But, Sergeant, you can --

9 THE WITNESS: Right.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. So what, if anything, did you do to  
12 try to review the situation to see if possibly the  
13 rear door led to a rear apartment?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to  
15 object to the form.

16 But, Sergeant, you can explain.

17 THE WITNESS: I did look at the  
18 rear. That rear of the property gave me  
19 no indication that that was a front door  
20 to a second-floor rear apartment.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Because usually to me it was a rear  
24 kitchen door coming off the first floor.

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1 Q. If you had known that the suspect  
2 was on parole, that would have told you that --  
3 sorry, strike the question.

4 If you had known that the suspect  
5 was on probation or parole, that would have  
6 informed you that the probation and parole office  
7 had likely been to his property; correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
9 form.

10 Sergeant, you can say; if you know.

11 THE WITNESS: Would parole have  
12 known of the layout of the apartment  
13 you're saying?

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. If you had known that the  
16 suspect -- strike. Let me lay a foundation.

17 I think -- you know, my memory is  
18 not perfect.

19 I think I asked earlier if the  
20 suspect was on probation or parole and I think  
21 that you testified that you didn't know; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Is that information that you would

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1 normally know about a suspect prior to trying to  
2 enforce a search warrant at the suspect's home?

3 A. It all depends if the detectives  
4 tell us.

5 Q. Did you ask the detectives if they  
6 had that information about this particular person?

7 A. If he was on parole?

8 Q. Probation or parole.

9 A. No.

10 Q. Is that a question that you  
11 normally would ask?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And your recollection is that the  
14 detectives didn't give you any information with  
15 regards to that; correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. If you had known that he was  
18 on probation or parole, wouldn't that have led you  
19 to understand that somebody from probation and  
20 parole had probably been to his apartment before?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Sergeant; if you know.

23 THE WITNESS: So we get these  
24 warrants the night before. Like I come

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1 in at 11:00 at night or whatever. So we  
2 get these warrants literally at  
3 nighttime for 5:00 a.m. So the odds of  
4 me -- like I don't know if they're on  
5 probation. I have no one to call to  
6 find out anybody is on probation at 3:00  
7 in the morning.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. All right. Thank you, Sergeant.  
10 But if you could just answer the question that I'm  
11 asking you.

12 If you had known that the suspect  
13 was on probation or parole, wouldn't that have led  
14 you to understand that somebody from probation or  
15 parole had probably been to his apartment?

16 A. Probably, yes.

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And the same  
18 objection, for the record.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. All right. And it just follows  
21 logically that if somebody from probation or  
22 parole had been to the property they knew how to  
23 enter it; right?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Sergeant, to the extent you know.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: If parole was there</p> <p>3 before, yes.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. So when you're doing the</p> <p>6 reconnaissance and trying to figure out how to get</p> <p>7 into this apartment, why wouldn't you reach out to</p> <p>8 a resource like probation or parole that would be</p> <p>9 able to tell you how to get there?</p> <p>10 A. That's detectives, that's the</p> <p>11 detectives' business.</p> <p>12 Q. Then did you assume that the</p> <p>13 detectives would do that?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. And once you realized the</p> <p>16 detectives hadn't done that in this case, why</p> <p>17 didn't you ask them that why hadn't done it?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p> <p>19 form.</p> <p>20 Sergeant; if you know.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: Before or after?</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. Before you broke down Ms.</p> <p>24 Alvarado's front door, why didn't you ask that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 marked for identification.)</p> <p>2 ---</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Sir, I can represent to you that we</p> <p>5 deposited someone from the probation and parole</p> <p>6 office in this case and they provided us with this</p> <p>7 document, which is for the suspect. His name was</p> <p>8 xxxxxxxx xxx. Okay?</p> <p>9 A. Okay.</p> <p>10 Q. And this document memorializes that</p> <p>11 the probation and parole office had been to this</p> <p>12 property. And you can see on the highlighted</p> <p>13 section of the first page they had learned that</p> <p>14 the entrance to the rear apartment was through the</p> <p>15 alleyway.</p> <p>16 Do you see that?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And they also had obtained the name</p> <p>19 Mirela Pajo and the contact information for the</p> <p>20 property owner.</p> <p>21 You can see that on the second</p> <p>22 page; correct?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 question of the detectives?</p> <p>2 A. Because if the detectives knew,</p> <p>3 they should have told us. We don't do detective</p> <p>4 work.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 A. It's not why we're there for.</p> <p>7 Q. Did you call the property manager?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. Would you ever call a property</p> <p>10 manager?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. Why not?</p> <p>13 A. That would be detectives' work.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Did ask you any of the</p> <p>15 detectives if they had called the property</p> <p>16 manager?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. I have a document, which is</p> <p>19 entitled Adult Probation Pretrial Services. Let's</p> <p>20 mark this as Mellody-6. I usually lose track by</p> <p>21 now. It is. And I have highlighted certain</p> <p>22 portions of this document.</p> <p>23 ---</p> <p>24 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-6 was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 characterization.</p> <p>2 But, Sergeant, you can answer to</p> <p>3 the extent you can tell from this</p> <p>4 document.</p> <p>5 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. If you had had the</p> <p>7 information on the first page of this document</p> <p>8 that the entrance to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was</p> <p>9 through the alleyway, would that have changed the</p> <p>10 plans that you would have made for how to enter</p> <p>11 the property and enforce this warrant?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm going to</p> <p>13 object to form.</p> <p>14 But, Sergeant, you can answer.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, if we had this</p> <p>16 information it would change, yes.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. So if you had been provided</p> <p>19 with that one piece of information on the first</p> <p>20 page, how would you have enforced the warrant?</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form</p> <p>22 of the question.</p> <p>23 But, Sergeant, you can explain; if</p> <p>24 you can.</p>



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1 THE WITNESS: If we knew this  
2 information at the time we would enter  
3 the door from the rear because it  
4 clearly says go down the alleyways, rear  
5 apartment, second floor. If we had this  
6 information it would have been  
7 different.  
8 BY MR. WEST:  
9 Q. All right. I have a document  
10 previously been marked as Scott-3.  
11 MR. WEST: Let's mark this as  
12 Mellody-7.  
13 ---  
14 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-7 was  
15 marked for identification.)  
16 ---  
17 BY MR. WEST:  
18 Q. Do you recognize what that document  
19 is?  
20 A. Nope.  
21 Q. Have you ever seen a document that  
22 looks like that before?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
24 of the question.

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1 But, Sergeant, if you can.  
2 THE WITNESS: It's an aerial map of  
3 probably a satellite image of Google  
4 Maps.  
5 BY MR. WEST:  
6 Q. When you would do reconnaissance  
7 operations as part of the SWAT unit back in 2021,  
8 would you normally obtain an aerial satellite  
9 image of a property before executing a warrant?  
10 A. We do.  
11 Q. Do you always do it or just  
12 sometimes?  
13 A. Personally I do not do it. It's  
14 the officers under me do all of that work.  
15 Q. Okay.  
16 A. They do aerial satellites to get  
17 maps of directions.  
18 Q. So that would have Officer Clark in  
19 this case; right?  
20 A. It could have been anybody. No, I  
21 couldn't tell you who had done that.  
22 Q. Well, the reconnaissance team was  
23 just you and Officer Clark; right?  
24 A. So we go out on the street.

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1 There's other people inside on computers. We call  
2 them and tell them what we're going to do. And  
3 they put on it the recon sheet.  
4 Q. Okay.  
5 A. So you have two guys on the street  
6 and possibly two guys inside doing this recon  
7 stuff.  
8 Q. So if an aerial Google Maps view of  
9 the property had been obtained prior to the  
10 warrant execution operation in this case, that  
11 would have been part of the recon sheet; right?  
12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
13 form.  
14 But, Sergeant; if you know.  
15 THE WITNESS: Sometimes yes,  
16 sometimes no. Like sometimes if the  
17 rear has like a weird entry level in our  
18 jobs we'll throw in a rear photo like  
19 that, but this is not a normal thing,  
20 no, because the normal one would be the  
21 front of the property when we roll up  
22 everybody knows what we're looking at.  
23 An aerial shot does nothing for us when  
24 we walk up to a property.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
2 Q. Did you, specifically, view an  
3 aerial shot of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property  
4 prior to the warrant execution operation in this  
5 case?  
6 A. I don't recall that.  
7 MR. WEST: Let me actually change  
8 something real quick. I want to -- the  
9 document that we marked as Mellody-7, I  
10 just think this is a better copy. So I  
11 want to switch it out. It's the same  
12 exhibit. It's just a better copy.  
13 Let's make this Mellody-7.  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. All right. Sir, so you can see  
16 this is a Google Map aerial view and that somebody  
17 has come by and they marked with a like a pink  
18 marker; right?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Does the pink marker show where you  
21 would have pulled the SWAT unit to go in order to  
22 execute the warrant of Mr. xxx's apartment if you  
23 had that information from the probation and parole  
24 office?

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
2 form.  
3 And, Sergeant, you --  
4 THE WITNESS: Most likely.  
5 MR. WEST: Adam, could you explain  
6 that objection?  
7 The reason being because I want to  
8 make sure I ask that question.  
9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yes. Well, I'm  
10 objecting just because of the nature of  
11 the photograph. It's not one he's been  
12 presented before and it's not one he's  
13 viewed. So and he also didn't draw the  
14 pink arrow. So to the extent I object  
15 to the form of that question. But to  
16 the extent that the Sergeant can explain  
17 in his answer in a way that is  
18 comprehensive.  
19 MR. WEST: That's fine. I wanted  
20 to make sure I hadn't misused a word or  
21 something.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. Okay. All right.  
24 And so the only reason that you

1 that, but I can't answer your questions in  
2 testimony.  
3 A. I've got you.  
4 Q. Have you ever had heard of  
5 something called the knock and announce rule?  
6 A. The knock and announce rule?  
7 Q. Yes.  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. Okay. Where did you hear about  
10 that?  
11 A. Well, knock and announce rule is  
12 like a reasonable amount of time to take a door in  
13 a search warrant.  
14 Q. Okay. Where did you hear about  
15 that?  
16 A. Training.  
17 Q. From the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department?  
19 A. You could say, yes.  
20 Q. Did you receive any separate  
21 training specific to the SWAT unit?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. Just from the Philadelphia Police  
24 Department?

1 didn't follow the course of entry displayed by the  
2 yellow marker here on this exhibit is just simply  
3 because you didn't have that information from  
4 probation and parole; right?  
5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Do you mean the  
6 pink, just for the record?  
7 MR. WEST: Yes.  
8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Okay.  
9 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And objection to  
11 the form, for the record.  
12 THE WITNESS: Can I ask a question  
13 real quick?  
14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Not right now,  
15 Sergeant.  
16 THE WITNESS: Because I don't even  
17 know what this is. (Witness indicating.)  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. That's fine, you can set that aside  
20 for now.  
21 A. (Witness complies.)  
22 Q. To be clear, if I ask you any  
23 question that you have trouble understanding or  
24 you would like a clarification, please ask for

1 A. Yes.  
2 Q. Okay. By the way, so you're like  
3 48 years old?  
4 A. Forty-nine.  
5 Q. Forty-nine, okay.  
6 When did you join the Philadelphia  
7 Police Department?  
8 A. 1998.  
9 Q. Okay. And when you joined, were  
10 you a patrol officer?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. How long did you remain a patrol  
13 officer?  
14 A. Fifteen years.  
15 Q. What district were you assigned to,  
16 district or districts?  
17 A. Third district, second district as  
18 parole.  
19 Q. Okay. And after you stopped being  
20 a patrol officer, what was next?  
21 A. Sergeant.  
22 Q. And when you first became a  
23 sergeant, what were your duties?  
24 A. I was assigned to the 26th

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1 District.  
 2 Q. Okay. So you oversaw patrol  
 3 officers; is that correct?  
 4 A. Correct.  
 5 Q. And how long did you remain a  
 6 supervisor of patrol officers?  
 7 A. I think it was six years, seven  
 8 years.  
 9 Q. Okay. What was next?  
 10 A. I got transferred to the SWAT unit  
 11 in December of 2019.  
 12 Q. Why did you get transferred to the  
 13 SWAT unit?  
 14 A. Why?  
 15 Q. Yes. Did you request it?  
 16 A. Yeah, you put it in, put a transfer  
 17 in.  
 18 Q. Why did you decide to request a  
 19 transfer to the SWAT unit?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 21 form.  
 22 But, Sergeant, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Something I always  
 24 wanted to do.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. So you -- and when you  
 3 transferred you kept your rank, so you became a  
 4 sergeant within the SWAT unit; is that correct?  
 5 A. Correct.  
 6 Q. So our operation happened early  
 7 June 2021.  
 8 So I take it at that point you had  
 9 been a sergeant with the SWAT unit for about a  
 10 year and a half.  
 11 Does that sound right?  
 12 A. Correct.  
 13 Q. Were you like a probationary member  
 14 of the SWAT unit? Were you still receiving  
 15 training or, as far as you know, had you received  
 16 all of the training that was available to a SWAT  
 17 unit sergeant as of June 2021?  
 18 A. So when we get transferred we do  
 19 it's called SWAT school. So the first couple of  
 20 months is training.  
 21 Q. And you had already completed all  
 22 of the SWAT school training prior to June 2021?  
 23 A. Correct.  
 24 Q. And your testimony is that SWAT

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1 school didn't make any reference to the knock and  
 2 announce rule; correct?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 4 form.  
 5 Sergeant?  
 6 THE WITNESS: That they didn't make  
 7 any reference?  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Well, yes, I think I asked you  
 10 earlier if you received any training about the  
 11 knock and announce rule specific to the SWAT unit  
 12 and I believe your testimony was no; is that  
 13 correct?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 15 form.  
 16 But, Sergeant, you can explain.  
 17 THE WITNESS: So I don't recall a  
 18 specific time that they talked about it  
 19 during training.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. So as of today you do not  
 22 recall there being any specific training with  
 23 regards to the knock and announce rule?  
 24 A. No, that's not what I said. I said

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1 we probably did, but I couldn't tell you when.  
 2 Q. Okay. So let me just ask the  
 3 question a little bit differently.  
 4 Did you receive any training  
 5 specifically about the knock and announce rule  
 6 when you were at SWAT school?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. Okay.  
 9 A. But I don't recall when.  
 10 Q. What specific training did you  
 11 receive at the SWAT school with regards to the  
 12 knock and announce rule?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 14 form.  
 15 But, Sergeant, if you can recall.  
 16 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any --  
 17 I don't recall any specific training.  
 18 Like if you're asking for like a certain  
 19 class or something, is that what you're  
 20 asking?  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. I'm just asking anything that they  
 23 told you about the knock and announce rule.  
 24 A. I don't recall that. I don't

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1 recall that.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
 3 for the record.  
 4 Y MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. At this time you don't recall  
 6 anything specifically being said about the knock  
 7 and announce rule at SWAT school; correct?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Do you recall if you ever received  
 12 any training specifically about the knock and  
 13 announce rule before you went to SWAT school?  
 14 A. No.  
 15 Q. You don't recall any specific  
 16 training?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. Have you ever received any training  
 19 from the Philadelphia Police Department that  
 20 specifically explained to you what the knock and  
 21 announce rule was?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
 23 of the question.  
 24 Sergeant, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Probably in the  
 2 Academy.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Which would have been back in the  
 5 1990s; right?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Do you know what the knock and  
 8 announce rule is?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 10 form.  
 11 Sergeant, you can answer and  
 12 explain.  
 13 THE WITNESS: We knock on the door  
 14 for a search warrant or arrest warrant  
 15 and give a reasonable amount of time  
 16 before we can take the door.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. What does reasonable amount  
 19 of time mean in that context?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 21 form.  
 22 Sergeant, to the extent you can  
 23 answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: There's no time.

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1 Just a reasonable amount of time  
 2 somebody can get to the door to answer  
 3 it.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. Under the knock and announce  
 6 rule, are you obligated to give the occupant of  
 7 the property a reasonable opportunity to  
 8 voluntarily surrender the property before you  
 9 break down the door?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 11 form.  
 12 Sergeant, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. Are you guessing or do you  
 16 know that for sure?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object, same  
 18 objection.  
 19 THE WITNESS: When we do knock and  
 20 announce we give them a reasonable  
 21 amount of time to answer the door to  
 22 surrender to us.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Okay. Did you receive any training

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1 from the Philadelphia Police Department with  
 2 regards to what would be considered a reasonable  
 3 amount of time?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Probably in the  
 6 Academy.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Not that you can recall today;  
 9 correct?  
 10 A. Not that I can recall, no.  
 11 Q. Okay. In your specific experience  
 12 since you've joined the SWAT unit, what amount of  
 13 time would normally be allowed -- strike the  
 14 question.  
 15 How much time would you consider to  
 16 be a reasonable amount of time pursuant to the  
 17 knock and announce rule?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 19 form.  
 20 Sergeant, you can explain.  
 21 THE WITNESS: So I'm just going to  
 22 say a reasonable amount of time. If  
 23 you're asking for a time, there's no  
 24 time.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Would you say 45 seconds or more?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>4 Sergeant, you can answer.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: You could say that.</p> <p>6 That's a little long, but --</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. So if that's too long, how</p> <p>9 much time would you consider reasonable?</p> <p>10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>11 Sergeant, go ahead and answer</p> <p>12 again.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: There's no time.</p> <p>14 It's a reasonable amount of time. So</p> <p>15 when you're at these locations you hear</p> <p>16 movement, you see them coming to the</p> <p>17 door. We wait for them. We're not</p> <p>18 crushing doors. People say I'm coming</p> <p>19 to the door. We give them that</p> <p>20 opportunity to open the door for us.</p> <p>21 What that time is, I don't know.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Have you ever seen the SWAT</p> <p>24 unit breach a property without following the knock</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 A. (Witness complies.)</p> <p>2 Q. I've got a document here. This</p> <p>3 particular document has exhibit stickers on it</p> <p>4 from Scott-1 and Hamoy-2.</p> <p>5 MR. WEST: And we'll mark this as</p> <p>6 Melody-9.</p> <p>7 ---</p> <p>8 (Whereupon, Exhibit Melody-9 was</p> <p>9 marked for identification.)</p> <p>10 ---</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. Do you recognize what this is a</p> <p>13 photograph of?</p> <p>14 A. That looks likes the property at</p> <p>15 46 --</p> <p>16 Q. 64?</p> <p>17 A. 4664.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And I can represent to you</p> <p>19 that it's been circled with a yellow highlighter</p> <p>20 and there's some green highlighter markings.</p> <p>21 That's from the prior time that this document was</p> <p>22 used in prior depositions.</p> <p>23 The property that's been circled in</p> <p>24 yellow and marked with green, does that appear to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 and announce rule?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Was the knock and announce rule</p> <p>4 followed with regards to the 4664 Torresdale</p> <p>5 Avenue property?</p> <p>6 A. I believe so, yes.</p> <p>7 MR. WEST: Okay. Let's mark this</p> <p>8 document as Melody-8.</p> <p>9 ---</p> <p>10 (Whereupon, Exhibit Melody-8 was</p> <p>11 marked for identification.)</p> <p>12 ---</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. Do you know what that is?</p> <p>15 A. Well, it has the City of</p> <p>16 Philadelphia logo on it and it says property. So</p> <p>17 I'm guessing it's some kind of real estate thing</p> <p>18 in the City.</p> <p>19 Q. That's not a website that you</p> <p>20 normally would use as part of your reconnaissance;</p> <p>21 correct?</p> <p>22 A. No. I don't know what website it</p> <p>23 is.</p> <p>24 Q. All right. You can put that aside.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 you to be the property that was breached as part</p> <p>2 of the operation that this case is about?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p> <p>4 form.</p> <p>5 Sergeant, to the extent you can</p> <p>6 tell him.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I believe so, yes.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. And you can see that there's</p> <p>10 a front door inside of that yellow circle; right?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>12 Sergeant, you can answer to the</p> <p>13 extent you can tell.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: There's a front door,</p> <p>15 yeah, I guess.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Do you actually recognize it or</p> <p>18 not?</p> <p>19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Well, the door is</p> <p>21 probably about this big.</p> <p>22 (Witness indicating.)</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. How big?</p>

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1 A. I see two windows and, I guess, a  
2 door to the right.  
3 Q. Okay. Do you know if the door that  
4 got breached that led into Ms. Alvarado's  
5 apartment is the door inside of the yellow circle  
6 or you're not sure?  
7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
8 form.  
9 But, Sergeant, to the extent you  
10 can tell from that picture, go ahead.  
11 THE WITNESS: So you're asking me  
12 from this picture do you want me to say  
13 -- you're asking if me if that's the  
14 door to her apartment?  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. I'm asking if you recall?  
17 A. If I had a better picture.  
18 Q. Okay. Fair enough. It looks to me  
19 like our printer might be on the blink, actually.  
20 MR. WEST: Does anyone want a break  
21 or should I just run over to my office  
22 real quick? Do you guys want to take  
23 like a quick break or are you guys ready  
24 to go?

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1 THE WITNESS: I'm fine.  
2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: We can continue.  
3 I'm fine. The Sergeant's fine.  
4 Do you all need a break?  
5 MR. WEST: No, I don't need a  
6 break. I'm going to be 30 seconds. I  
7 want to grab a better picture.  
8 ---  
9 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
10 off the stenographic record only.)  
11 ---  
12 MR. WEST: We'll mark this as  
13 Mellody-10.  
14 ---  
15 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-10 was  
16 marked for identification.)  
17 ---  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. As I mentioned, the picture I  
20 showed you before I don't think came out very well  
21 from the printer.  
22 Is that a better picture?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. Do you recognize that house?

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1 A. I do.  
2 Q. What house was that?  
3 A. That is the 4664 Torresdale.  
4 Q. Okay. And that's the front door  
5 that got breached as part of that operation?  
6 A. Correct.  
7 Q. All right. So if you -- looking at  
8 that picture, now that you look back to Mellody-9,  
9 which is that -- do you recognize that now as the  
10 same house just from a different angle?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Okay. And even though this one  
13 didn't come out clearly, is this consistent --  
14 Mellody-9, is this consistent with your memory of  
15 what the 4664 Torresdale property looked like?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
17 form.  
18 Sergeant; if you know.  
19 THE WITNESS: I recognize it more  
20 in Mellody-10.  
21 BY MR. WEST:  
22 Q. So as you look at both of these  
23 pictures together, do you see -- strike the  
24 question.

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1 As you look at these pictures  
2 together, looking at Mellody-9, the area where the  
3 green marking is, do you see that there's a  
4 portion of the property that's marked in green?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. And do you remember that there was,  
7 in fact, at the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property a  
8 portion of the building which was only one floor  
9 or one story tall?  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
11 form.  
12 Sergeant, you can answer it again.  
13 THE WITNESS: So you're asking me  
14 if the green marking on Mellody-9, is it  
15 a one-floor structure?  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. Right. That portion of the  
18 structure, is that two stories tall or one story  
19 tall, just that portion?  
20 A. The tan part?  
21 Q. Yes.  
22 A. Yeah, it's one story.  
23 Q. So you knew that you had a warrant  
24 that only applied to the second-floor rear



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1 apartment; right?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 3 form.  
 4 Sergeant, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Okay. And you knew that the door  
 8 on Torredale Avenue led into a portion of the  
 9 property that was only one floor story tall;  
 10 right?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 12 form.  
 13 Sergeant, to the extent you can  
 14 tell.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. And you also knew that the property  
 18 had a rear door which led into a portion of the  
 19 property that was two stories tall; correct?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 21 form of the question.  
 22 Sergeant, if you can -- if you  
 23 know, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: I believe the door in

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1 if available?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 3 form.  
 4 Sergeant, you can answer; if you  
 5 recall.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. Nothing specific was said  
 9 about that, to your recollection; correct?  
 10 A. Not that I recall.  
 11 Q. Sir, specific to this operation, I  
 12 think you testified earlier that a knock and  
 13 announce was done; right?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. How much time passed between the  
 16 door being knocked on and the door being breached?  
 17 A. I don't recall.  
 18 Q. Can you give an estimate or  
 19 approximation?  
 20 A. I don't recall that. I couldn't  
 21 tell you that.  
 22 Q. And I'm just referring to your  
 23 prior testimony.  
 24 I think you stated that you could

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1 the rear I think was a bump-out. I'm  
 2 not recalling if it was two floor in the  
 3 rear. I believe it was like some kind  
 4 of a bump-out for the door.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. So looking at this property from  
 7 the angle displayed in Mellody-9, do you think  
 8 that you should have investigated whether or not  
 9 the front door led only into a property that led  
 10 to the first-story apartment on the first floor?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
 12 of the question.  
 13 Sergeant, you can answer and  
 14 explain.  
 15 THE WITNESS: No, because this is  
 16 not nothing unusual.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. Did you receive training  
 19 with regards to how to conduct reconnaissance for  
 20 the SWAT unit?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. As part of that training, was  
 23 anything ever said about trying to obtain  
 24 information from the probation and parole office,

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1 hear a gunshot when Officer Song killed the dog,  
 2 but you didn't actually see the shooting; correct?  
 3 A. It was behind me.  
 4 Q. But you didn't actually see the  
 5 shooting; right?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. You also didn't see any physical  
 8 evidence that Officer Song had been bitten;  
 9 correct?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 11 form.  
 12 Sergeant, if you know or remember.  
 13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. You don't -- there's no -- at this  
 16 time you don't recall seeing anything that would  
 17 indicate he had been bitten; correct?  
 18 A. No.  
 19 Q. That is correct or not correct?  
 20 A. If you're asking me did I see any  
 21 evidence that he was bitten at that time, I'm  
 22 going to say, no, I don't know.  
 23 Q. All right. Referring to Mellody-1,  
 24 the statement, there's a -- you can review it, if

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1 you want. This would will be a quick question.  
 2 I'll pull it out.  
 3 A. Okay.  
 4 Q. You were asked, QUESTION: Were you  
 5 the first supervisor on the scene?  
 6 ANSWER: Yes, me and Lieutenant  
 7 Monk.  
 8 Could you elaborate what that would  
 9 mean?  
 10 A. So when we go walk up to the  
 11 property, it's called a stack. I was the  
 12 second-floor team. And Lieutenant Monk was  
 13 first-floor team. And we walk in a single file  
 14 line. You have the breachers, the team for the  
 15 first floor and the team for the second floor  
 16 walking in the line.  
 17 Q. And you were on the second-floor  
 18 team; right?  
 19 A. Correct.  
 20 Q. Who was the overall supervisor of  
 21 the SWAT unit that day?  
 22 A. Lieutenant Monk because he's higher  
 23 rank.  
 24 Q. Okay. Did you hear Lieutenant Monk

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1 personally participated in a warrant action which  
 2 involved breaching a property?  
 3 A. Six hundred to 1,000.  
 4 Q. All right. So I think you earlier  
 5 said that there was a conversation that happened  
 6 at the staging area; right? Is that correct or  
 7 not?  
 8 A. With detectives?  
 9 Q. At some point was there a brief  
 10 given to the members of the SWAT unit about this  
 11 operation?  
 12 A. What was -- the previous question,  
 13 what was that?  
 14 Q. I'll strike that question. Let me  
 15 ask you a new question.  
 16 At some point, was there a briefing  
 17 given to the other members of the SWAT unit as far  
 18 as how this operation was going to be conducted?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. Who gave the briefing?  
 21 A. I believe I did.  
 22 Q. Okay. So could you tell us  
 23 everything you can remember about what you  
 24 actually said?

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1 order for the property to be breached?  
 2 A. I did.  
 3 Q. Do you know why he ordered the  
 4 property be breached at that time?  
 5 A. Why?  
 6 I can't give you why. That would  
 7 be on him.  
 8 Q. Okay. Were there any exigent  
 9 circumstances or anything that you saw that  
 10 required the property to be breached immediately?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 12 form.  
 13 Sergeant, to the extent you know.  
 14 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so,  
 15 no.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. As of June 2021, can you give an  
 18 estimate or approximation of how many SWAT unit  
 19 operations you had done reconnaissance for?  
 20 A. Recons or warrants?  
 21 Q. Recons.  
 22 A. Probably around 50 to 100.  
 23 Q. Okay. And can you give an estimate  
 24 or an approximation of how many times you had

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 2 form.  
 3 THE WITNESS: I don't recall what I  
 4 said at that particular warrant.  
 5 There's been probably six, 700 different  
 6 warrants after that.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Did you say anything about a rear  
 9 door?  
 10 A. Most likely, yes.  
 11 Q. But testifying today you have no  
 12 specific recollection of saying anything about the  
 13 rear door; correct?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 15 form.  
 16 Sergeant, to the extent you can  
 17 recall.  
 18 THE WITNESS: I can recall there  
 19 was a rear door.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Sir, why was there a first-floor  
 22 entry team?  
 23 A. Because there's always a  
 24 first-floor entry team, no matter what the

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1 property is.  
 2 Q. Why?  
 3 A. Did you say why?  
 4 Q. Yes.  
 5 A. That's how we do it. There's  
 6 always -- because you never know what's inside the  
 7 property. There's always a first-floor entry  
 8 team, a second-floor entry team if it's an  
 9 apartment or a two-story building. If there's a  
 10 third-story building there would be three teams  
 11 going in.  
 12 Q. So when you gave a briefing, where  
 13 did you tell the first-floor entry team they were  
 14 going to be going in this operation?  
 15 A. Second floor rear.  
 16 Q. Okay. So you had a second-floor  
 17 team and they were going to go to the second floor  
 18 rear; correct?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 Q. The second-floor team wasn't going  
 21 to go to the second floor rear?  
 22 A. When we breached the door both  
 23 teams were going to go to the second-floor  
 24 apartment. That was the initial plan.

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1 Q. Okay. So what's the point of  
 2 having two separate entry teams if you're going to  
 3 the same place?  
 4 A. What's the point of two?  
 5 That's just how it is because you  
 6 never know what's behind the door. These  
 7 locations we go into we never know what's behind  
 8 that door. So you always have to be prepared.  
 9 Q. When you gave the brief, what did  
 10 you tell the other members of the SWAT unit as far  
 11 as what was going on on the first floor of the  
 12 property?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 14 form.  
 15 Sergeant, to the extent you recall.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Repeat that for me,  
 17 please?  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Sure. So what did you say about  
 20 the first floor of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 21 building when you gave the briefing?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: The same  
 23 objection.  
 24 Go ahead, Sergeant.

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1 THE WITNESS: So, again, behind  
 2 these doors we don't know what we're  
 3 walking into. So normally 99.9 percent  
 4 usually it's a hallway with a door to  
 5 the left to the first-floor apartment.  
 6 So we hit the door. Both teams go up  
 7 the stairs to the second floor.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay.  
 10 A. And even then we don't know what  
 11 the second floor gives us.  
 12 Q. But when you gave the briefing for  
 13 this operation, what specifically did you tell the  
 14 other members of the SWAT unit about the first  
 15 floor?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object as asked  
 17 and answered.  
 18 Go ahead, Sergeant, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: We didn't know that  
 20 the door led to the first floor.  
 21 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 22 Q. Did you tell them anything about  
 23 the first floor?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

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1 Sergeant?  
 2 THE WITNESS: No.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay.  
 5 A. There's no -- because when you hit  
 6 the door you're thinking there's going to be a  
 7 door left or stairs to the rear of the property  
 8 that goes upstairs. That first floor could be  
 9 anything. If we hit that door and there was  
 10 something else we just handle it, we do what we  
 11 do. Like I said, we go in through these doors  
 12 blindly. We don't know what's behind that door.  
 13 Q. All right. So you knew that the  
 14 first floor of the building was occupied; right?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 16 form.  
 17 Sergeant; if you know.  
 18 THE WITNESS: No.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Isn't that the kind of thing that  
 21 you should try to figure out as part of your  
 22 reconnaissance?  
 23 A. Again, we don't know what's behind  
 24 these doors.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. But as part of the</p> <p>2 reconnaissance, should you have tried to figure</p> <p>3 out if the first floor was occupied?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Again, we don't know</p> <p>6 what's behind these doors. They give us</p> <p>7 a location. We recon the best we can.</p> <p>8 You can't look inside windows and doors</p> <p>9 and knock on doors and tell them we're</p> <p>10 coming. We breach the doors and</p> <p>11 whatever is behind that door we figure</p> <p>12 it out.</p> <p>13 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>14 Q. All right. But could you please</p> <p>15 answer the question I'm asking? As part of the</p> <p>16 reconnaissance, should you have tried to figure</p> <p>17 out if the first floor was occupied?</p> <p>18 I think that's a yes-or-no</p> <p>19 question.</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And an objection</p> <p>21 to form.</p> <p>22 Sergeant, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 form.</p> <p>2 Sergeant, if you understand it, you</p> <p>3 can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I understand.</p> <p>5 Again, I have to see what time the job</p> <p>6 came in. Like, again, we get these jobs</p> <p>7 and we're doing them like three, four</p> <p>8 hours later.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. As I think you said earlier, that</p> <p>11 there was a physical surveillance done of the</p> <p>12 property; is that right?</p> <p>13 A. Correct.</p> <p>14 Q. And that was done by you,</p> <p>15 personally?</p> <p>16 A. Correct.</p> <p>17 Q. What time of day?</p> <p>18 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you remember if it was dark or</p> <p>20 light out?</p> <p>21 A. It was probably light out because I</p> <p>22 work last out, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Did you attempt to contact</p> <p>24 anybody who had ever been inside of the 4664</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 Q. Did you make any effort to figure</p> <p>2 out if the first floor was occupied?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: If you're asking me,</p> <p>5 that would be a no.</p> <p>6 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>7 Q. At the staging area, did you --</p> <p>8 strike the question.</p> <p>9 As part of the briefing prior to</p> <p>10 the execution of this warrant, did you discuss</p> <p>11 whether or not there were any dogs on the</p> <p>12 property?</p> <p>13 A. No, I don't believe so. I don't</p> <p>14 recall.</p> <p>15 Q. Did you review any Internet</p> <p>16 information source as part of your reconnaissance</p> <p>17 other than Google Maps?</p> <p>18 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>19 Q. Is there any reason why the</p> <p>20 property owner or property manager was not</p> <p>21 contacted as part of the reconnaissance to try to</p> <p>22 obtain more information about the physical layout</p> <p>23 of the property?</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 Torresdale property to obtain information about</p> <p>2 which doors led to which apartments?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you contact any other source of</p> <p>5 information to try to gain that knowledge?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>7 form.</p> <p>8 Sergeant, to the extent you know.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: No. That's usually</p> <p>10 the detectives would handle that.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. You personally did not;</p> <p>13 correct?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. And when you ordered for the</p> <p>16 Torresdale Avenue door to the building to be</p> <p>17 breached --</p> <p>18 A. I didn't order that.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. When you designed the</p> <p>20 operation for the SWAT unit to enter through the</p> <p>21 Torresdale Avenue entry, did you believe that you</p> <p>22 were going in blind?</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>24 form.</p>

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1 Sergeant, to the extent you  
2 understand, you can answer.  
3 THE WITNESS: Every door we breach  
4 is unknown.  
5 BY MR. WEST:  
6 Q. Okay. So when you designed this  
7 operation, you did not know what was on the other  
8 side of the Torresdale Avenue door; correct?  
9 A. Correct.  
10 Q. Did you do anything whatsoever to  
11 try to learn whether or not the door led to the  
12 first-floor apartment?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
14 form.  
15 Sergeant?  
16 THE WITNESS: Visually looking at  
17 the property.  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. If a reconnaissance had been done  
20 of the property you could have seen that people  
21 were coming in and out of the front door; couldn't  
22 you?  
23 A. Not at 3:00 in the morning.  
24 Q. But if you had done it at another

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1 time of day?  
2 A. I work 11:00 to 7:00.  
3 Q. Are you the only person at the SWAT  
4 unit who can do reconnaissance or could someone  
5 else have done it?  
6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
7 form.  
8 Sergeant, again?  
9 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not the only  
10 one.  
11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. Okay. So even if you were only  
13 working at 3:00 a.m., why didn't somebody else do  
14 the reconnaissance to see if people were coming in  
15 and out of the front door?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
17 form.  
18 THE WITNESS: That would actually  
19 be a detective unit.  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. Can you explain what you mean by  
22 that would have been a detective unit?  
23 A. Normally detectives get locations.  
24 Their procedure is they should go out and look at

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1 the location before they give us a call to go out  
2 and do the warrant for the location.  
3 Q. Did the detective unit tell you if  
4 you should go through the front door or the back  
5 door?  
6 A. No.  
7 Q. I'm sorry, we're going through  
8 stuff faster than I expected. I'm actually  
9 skipping over some questions. That's why I'm  
10 taking a minute.  
11 Did you ever speak with Ms.  
12 Alvarado?  
13 A. No.  
14 Q. All right. So as part of your SWAT  
15 unit training, did you receive any training as far  
16 as how you should handle interactions with dogs  
17 while trying to carry out warrant enforcement  
18 operations?  
19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
20 form.  
21 Sergeant, to the extent you know.  
22 THE WITNESS: No, that's not a --  
23 that's you come out of the Academy, go  
24 to these houses, you deal with dogs all

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1 the time. And you deal with them  
2 accordingly of what the dog is doing  
3 towards you.  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. Okay. But did you ever receive any  
6 specific training from the Philadelphia Police  
7 Department at any time as far as how you should  
8 handle an action with dogs?  
9 A. No.  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
11 for the record.  
12 MR. WEST: We're up to 11; right?  
13 I'm going to mark something as  
14 Mellody-11. This is Bates Stamped  
15 Defense 233 to 234.  
16 ---  
17 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-11 was  
18 marked for identification.)  
19 ---  
20 BY MR. WEST:  
21 Q. Sir, I'd ask you just to take a  
22 moment to look at this document and let me know if  
23 you think you've actually seen this before?  
24 A. I don't recall, to be honest with

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1 you.  
 2 Q. All right. You can put that down  
 3 then.  
 4 A. (Witness complies.)  
 5 Q. So we've done a lot of depositions  
 6 in this case already. I can represent to you that  
 7 prior officers testified that they could hear the  
 8 dog barking before the property was breached.  
 9 Is that consistent with your memory  
 10 as well, could you -- actually, let me rephrase  
 11 the question.  
 12 Did you hear the dog barking before  
 13 the property was breached?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Okay. So since you knew that there  
 16 was a dog inside of the property, were any  
 17 preparations made, to your knowledge, by anybody  
 18 as part of the SWAT unit to handle a likely dog  
 19 encounter?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 21 form.  
 22 But, Sergeant, to the extent you  
 23 can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge,

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1 no.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. For example, this document  
 4 here talks about alternative methods to handle a  
 5 dog encounter is like getting a dog noose, OC  
 6 spray.  
 7 Nobody had a dog noose or pulled  
 8 out an OC spray can prior to this operation;  
 9 right?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 11 form.  
 12 Sergeant, you can answer; if you  
 13 know.  
 14 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge,  
 15 no.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Now, I think you testified earlier  
 18 today that you didn't know what was on the other  
 19 side of the first-floor apartment when you planned  
 20 the operation; right?  
 21 A. Correct.  
 22 Q. Okay. But before the door actually  
 23 got breached you could hear the dog barking on the  
 24 other side; right? So did that give you any

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1 insight as to whether or not that property might  
 2 be occupied?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
 4 of the question.  
 5 Sergeant, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: Occupied means that  
 7 dog bark could be coming from the  
 8 second, first floor, basement.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. So that didn't cause you at  
 11 all to second guess maybe you guys might be going  
 12 into the first-floor apartment?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Did you ever receive any training  
 15 from the SWAT unit as far as how you should  
 16 conduct reconnaissance operations as part of the  
 17 SWAT unit?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection as asked  
 19 and answered.  
 20 Go ahead, Sergeant, you can answer  
 21 again.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Was all of that training oral or

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1 was any of that training in writing?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 3 THE WITNESS: If you're saying if  
 4 there's something like some kind of  
 5 documentation, I believe so.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Okay. You actually recall there  
 8 being any written documentation at this time?  
 9 A. No, not to be honest with you. It  
 10 was more of like hands on.  
 11 Q. Okay. So all of the training that  
 12 you received about how to do reconnaissance was  
 13 things you were told by other members of the SWAT  
 14 unit; right?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 16 form.  
 17 Sergeant, go ahead.  
 18 THE WITNESS: No. We have the Five  
 19 Squad trainers trained us.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Fire Squad trainers?  
 22 A. Five Squad.  
 23 Q. Okay. What's the Five Squad?  
 24 A. They're our trainers. They handle



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1 all of the training to our unit and other units  
 2 that come in to train throughout the City.  
 3 Q. And the training that you received  
 4 from those members of the Philadelphia Police  
 5 Department, that was all verbal training; correct?  
 6 A. Hands on, too.  
 7 Q. Hands on like they --  
 8 A. Yeah, they gave us a location and  
 9 we go out and do it.  
 10 MR. WEST: Okay. So let's mark  
 11 Mellody-12.  
 12 ---  
 13 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-12 was  
 14 marked for identification.)  
 15 ---  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. So you have in front of you a  
 18 document marked as SOP Number 31 SWAT Unit Warrant  
 19 Service.  
 20 Do you see that there?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. Have you ever seen this document  
 23 before?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. When have you seen it?  
 2 A. We train every once a week. We go  
 3 over SOPs all the time.  
 4 Q. Okay. Sir, if you switch to the  
 5 second page of this document?  
 6 A. (Witness complies.)  
 7 Q. It describes the knock and announce  
 8 rule.  
 9 It says that it needs to be  
 10 followed under these circumstances; right?  
 11 A. Correct.  
 12 Q. And if we go down to 2b it says,  
 13 such officer shall await a response for a  
 14 reasonable period of time after their announcement  
 15 before gaining entry into the property.  
 16 Do you see that?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. What does that -- what do those  
 19 words mean, to your understanding?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 21 form. Object as asked and answered.  
 22 Go ahead, Sergeant.  
 23 THE WITNESS: I just have to make a  
 24 knock and announce, a reasonable amount

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1 of time for somebody to answer the door.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. And if you look down to the  
 4 note underneath that it actually says that 30  
 5 seconds should be the minimum.  
 6 Do you see that?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. Prior to me showing that to you  
 9 right now, did anyone ever tell you that 30  
 10 seconds should be the minimum for a knock and  
 11 announce?  
 12 A. I don't recall that.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. You don't recall ever being told  
 16 that before right now; right?  
 17 A. No. It's been five years.  
 18 Q. In your experience, would the SWAT  
 19 unit always allow 30 seconds at a minimum between  
 20 knocking on a property and breaching it?  
 21 A. You could say that, yes.  
 22 Q. Is it true or not true?  
 23 A. True.  
 24 Q. And was at least a minimum of 30

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1 seconds allowed to pass between the front door of  
 2 the Torrance Avenue door of the 4664 -- strike  
 3 the question.  
 4 Did at least 30 seconds pass  
 5 between the front door of Ms. Alvarado's apartment  
 6 -- I mis-worded that. I'm sorry. New question.  
 7 Did at least 30 seconds pass  
 8 between the front door to Ms. Alvarado's apartment  
 9 being knocked on and her apartment being breached?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 11 form. And it's asked and answered.  
 12 Go ahead.  
 13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall the  
 14 actual time, no.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Do you know if it was more or less  
 17 than 30 seconds?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 Go ahead.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. I  
 21 couldn't tell you.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. What, if any, method did the SWAT  
 24 unit follow as of June 2021, in your experience,

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 in order to ensure that at least 30 seconds passed</p> <p>2 before a property was breached after a knock and</p> <p>3 announce rule was first called?</p> <p>4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p> <p>5 form.</p> <p>6 Sergeant, to the extent you</p> <p>7 understand.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: So you're asking me</p> <p>9 what kind of method, are you saying like</p> <p>10 a watch or something?</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. Yes. Let me make it a simpler</p> <p>13 question.</p> <p>14 So as of June 2021 when a member of</p> <p>15 the SWAT unit would knock on the door of someone's</p> <p>16 property to begin following the knock and announce</p> <p>17 rule, what sort of method, if any, was in place to</p> <p>18 ensure that at least 30 seconds passed before the</p> <p>19 apartment was breached?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to</p> <p>21 the form.</p> <p>22 Sergeant?</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Three knocks or more.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 marked for identification.)</p> <p>2 ---</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Have you ever seen this document</p> <p>5 before right now?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. When?</p> <p>8 A. I don't recall. We go over our</p> <p>9 SOPs.</p> <p>10 Q. All right. So when you -- it says,</p> <p>11 SWAT Unit Reconnaissance And Intelligence; right,</p> <p>12 SOP 28?</p> <p>13 A. Correct.</p> <p>14 Q. When you conducted the</p> <p>15 reconnaissance for the 4664 Torredale Avenue</p> <p>16 property, were you required to comply with the</p> <p>17 terms of this SOP?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the</p> <p>19 form.</p> <p>20 Sergeant; if you know.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: These are guidelines.</p> <p>22 They're more of guidelines.</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. So you were not required to not</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. Can you show us what that</p> <p>2 looks like?</p> <p>3 A. Actually, no.</p> <p>4 Q. Why not?</p> <p>5 A. Because it's going to have two</p> <p>6 breachers, one with a ram, one with a Halligan.</p> <p>7 The Halligan guy's knocking on the door. I'm</p> <p>8 usually the third person back. And it's kind of</p> <p>9 like visually it's just two other -- I don't</p> <p>10 physically knock on the door. Our breachers knock</p> <p>11 on the door and they give three knocks or more.</p> <p>12 And I make the decision to breach the door.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. So you physically have never</p> <p>14 knocked on a door as part of a knock and announce</p> <p>15 operation?</p> <p>16 A. Correct.</p> <p>17 Q. But, in your experience, the door</p> <p>18 would be knocked on at least three times before</p> <p>19 you break someone's door down; right?</p> <p>20 A. Three or more.</p> <p>21 MR. WEST: Okay. Let's mark this</p> <p>22 as Mellody-12 -- this is 13.</p> <p>23 ---</p> <p>24 (Whereupon, Exhibit Mellody-13 was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 follow these; am I correct?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say that;</p> <p>4 but they're more guidelines to what we</p> <p>5 do.</p> <p>6 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. So if we go down to Number</p> <p>8 3, Survey Examples, it says, there can never be</p> <p>9 too much tactical information. Listed on this</p> <p>10 documents are minimal examples of necessary</p> <p>11 information.</p> <p>12 Do you see that?</p> <p>13 A. Correct.</p> <p>14 Q. So would you ever send a team out</p> <p>15 to breach a property without complying with this</p> <p>16 list of -- strike the question.</p> <p>17 Would you ever send a team out to</p> <p>18 breach someone's front door without conducting</p> <p>19 enough reconnaissance to ensure that you had at</p> <p>20 least this minimum amount of information?</p> <p>21 A. Correct. This is the standard.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. So if we go down, for</p> <p>23 example, it says, how constructed.</p> <p>24 What information, if any, did you</p>

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1 have about how the property at 4664 Torresdale  
2 Avenue was constructed before you broke down Ms.  
3 Alvarado's front door?

4 A. So looking at the picture knowing  
5 that's an apartment building you have a door to  
6 the right and windows to the left. You've got two  
7 mailboxes on the front door. 99.9 percent of the  
8 time that door is going to lead to a hallway with  
9 a stairwell in it, door to the right.

10 Q. But you hadn't actually obtained  
11 any information about the interior layout of the  
12 property; correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sergeant, if you  
14 can explain.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's hard to  
16 do.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. I'm just saying in this particular  
19 situation you hadn't actually obtained any  
20 information about the interior of the property;  
21 correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

23 THE WITNESS: No.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 a dog bowl or nothing like that.

2 Q. Isn't it true at this property  
3 there was actually a sign on the front door that  
4 said beware of dog?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
6 form, but to the extent you can recall.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. But if there was you didn't see it;  
10 right?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Moving down to -- this document is  
13 obviously mis-numbered, but Number 2 on the second  
14 page, it says, Occupants; right?

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. What, if any, effort did you make  
17 to determine who the other occupants of the  
18 building were?

19 A. Well, knowing it was an apartment,  
20 the first floor -- the first floor was probably  
21 out of play until you hit the door and then you  
22 find out it's not an apartment.

23 Q. Okay. What, if any, effort did you  
24 make to determine who occupied the first floor?

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1 Q. It is correct or not correct?

2 A. It's correct.

3 Q. It lists that you should figure out  
4 if there's dogs; right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Prior to the officers standing on  
7 the steps leading to Ms. Alvarado's front door,  
8 did you know if there were any dogs on the  
9 property?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Had you made any effort to  
12 determine if there were dogs on the property?

13 A. Yeah. Sometimes if you look at  
14 like what's in the rear like a doghouse or like a  
15 dog bowl sitting at the rear, stuff like that.

16 Q. In this particular operation, did  
17 you make any effort to determine if there were  
18 dogs on the property?

19 A. Yes. That's like a normal thing to  
20 do.

21 Q. Okay. What did you do?

22 A. Basically, from the front of the  
23 property there's nothing there, but the rear  
24 there's no like fenced-in yard with a doghouse or

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
2 form.

3 Sergeant, if you understand the  
4 question.

5 THE WITNESS: So you're asking me  
6 if I called anybody to find out if  
7 somebody occupies the first floor?

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. I'm just asking what, if any,  
10 effort did you make as part of your reconnaissance  
11 to determine who occupied the first floor?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

13 THE WITNESS: None because at the  
14 time we weren't dealing with the first  
15 floor.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. And if you look to the last section  
18 on here it's marked Number 5 on Page 3, Method of  
19 Reconnaissance.

20 What, if any of these, did you  
21 follow as part of this operation?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
23 form.

24 Sergeant; if you can.

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1 THE WITNESS: Marked vehicle,  
 2 uniformed personnel.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. So you used A, but not --  
 5 you did not use B, C, D or E; correct?  
 6 A. We didn't use a police helicopter,  
 7 I'll tell you that.  
 8 Q. Correct. But just so we can kind  
 9 of move on, you used A, but you not use B, C, D or  
 10 E; correct?  
 11 A. Yeah, so I went out in a marked  
 12 vehicle, I believe, in uniform. That's what I  
 13 recall and that's usually how I do it.  
 14 MR. WEST: All right. Does anyone  
 15 want a quick break? I want to show you  
 16 some video. Yes, let's take a  
 17 five-minute break.  
 18 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Okay.  
 19 We're going to go off the record at  
 20 12:48 p.m.  
 21 ---  
 22 (Whereupon, a discussion took place  
 23 off the video and stenographic records.)  
 24 ---

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1 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Going back  
 2 on the record at 12:53 p.m.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. All right. Sergeant Mellody, so  
 5 just to make a clear record, we pulled up on the  
 6 screen something that would appear to be a  
 7 surveillance footage clip that's not being played  
 8 yet. This was produced to us in Discovery by the  
 9 City of Philadelphia. This particular angle is  
 10 marked Camera 10.  
 11 Can you see that?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. And prior to right now you didn't  
 14 know that there was any camera footage of this  
 15 operation; correct?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 17 form.  
 18 But sergeant; if you know.  
 19 THE WITNESS: No.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. And nobody was wearing any body  
 22 cameras; right?  
 23 A. No.  
 24 Q. And you did or did not know that

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1 there was outside footage?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 3 form.  
 4 Sergeant, again; if you know.  
 5 THE WITNESS: Didn't know.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Okay. Do you think that what we're  
 8 going to see here is consistent with your prior  
 9 testimony?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 11 form.  
 12 Sergeant, if you can predict the  
 13 future, go ahead and answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: We'll see, I guess.  
 15 I don't know.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. So I'm going to start play at the  
 18 zero second mark. Okay. So I've started the  
 19 video at the 1.5 mark.  
 20 A. Okay.  
 21 Q. If you'd like me to pause it at any  
 22 time, let me know.  
 23 A. Okay.  
 24 Q. I paused it at the 2:17 mark.

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1 You can see there's an officer who  
 2 approached the property with a Halligan tool;  
 3 right?  
 4 A. Correct.  
 5 Q. And isn't part of the way you  
 6 breach someone's door, you have someone with a  
 7 Halligan tool will pull the door open a little bit  
 8 before the ram goes in?  
 9 A. No.  
 10 Q. What's the Halligan tool used for?  
 11 A. So there's like a screen door. You  
 12 put the Halligan in the screen door. The ram hits  
 13 the Halligan. And it puts it in the jam and it  
 14 rips it back to open the security door.  
 15 Q. Okay. And so if you have a locked  
 16 door, wouldn't you use the Halligan to create a  
 17 little bit of an opening before you have a ram go  
 18 in?  
 19 A. No.  
 20 Q. Okay. What would the Halligan tool  
 21 be used for here?  
 22 A. Probably knocking on the door.  
 23 Q. Let's see. Stopped the play at the  
 24 2:17 mark. All right.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 Now, at this point, 2:28 you can</p> <p>2 see someone is ramming the door; correct?</p> <p>3 A. Correct.</p> <p>4 Q. And then you can see officers</p> <p>5 entering; right?</p> <p>6 A. Correct.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. At any point in this video,</p> <p>8 did you see a knock and announce?</p> <p>9 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Is that consistent --</p> <p>11 A. Well, I should say, okay, I don't</p> <p>12 know what he was saying. Like I couldn't see if</p> <p>13 he was tapping the door with the Halligan or what</p> <p>14 he was saying. I shouldn't have said that.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. If he was up against that door, I</p> <p>17 don't know what he was saying or what he was doing</p> <p>18 with the Halligan from the video.</p> <p>19 Q. But even if the person with the</p> <p>20 Halligan tool had knocked on the door, was that a</p> <p>21 reasonable amount of time before the door got</p> <p>22 breached with the ram?</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the</p> <p>24 form.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 know when -- I don't know when he</p> <p>2 started to knock or announce from this</p> <p>3 video.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And, if you recall, we</p> <p>6 previously looked at the statements of Lieutenant</p> <p>7 Monk and Officer Murray; right?</p> <p>8 A. Correct.</p> <p>9 Q. And Officer Murray is the man with</p> <p>10 the Halligan tool; right?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: To the extent you</p> <p>12 know.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: From the video, I</p> <p>14 guess.</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. Like I can't definitely say that's</p> <p>18 him from the video because we're all dressed the</p> <p>19 same.</p> <p>20 Q. And Officer Clark is the man with</p> <p>21 the ram; right?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>23 Sergeant; if you can tell.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I believe so.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 Sergeant, you can answer; if you</p> <p>2 can.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: So I didn't make that</p> <p>4 call. So Lieutenant Monk made that call</p> <p>5 to breach that door. So I can't answer</p> <p>6 that.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. But based on your</p> <p>9 understanding of the policies and procedures of</p> <p>10 the City of Philadelphia, was this a correctly</p> <p>11 done knock and announce?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>13 Sergeant, you can answer; if you</p> <p>14 can.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: From the video, a</p> <p>16 little quick from what I would do.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. It does not appear that a</p> <p>19 reasonable amount of time passed; correct?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>21 Sergeant, you can answer.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Again, a reasonable</p> <p>23 amount of time, I don't know what the</p> <p>24 time is. I don't know when -- I don't</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Did you see Officer Clark</p> <p>3 make any effort whatsoever to knock on that door</p> <p>4 before he rammed it open?</p> <p>5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: A ram doesn't knock</p> <p>7 on the door.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. So did you see Officer Clark</p> <p>10 knock on that door before he rammed it open?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>12 Sergeant, to the extent you know.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: No, because he</p> <p>14 wouldn't knock on the door.</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. That's not his job.</p> <p>18 Q. What you see here in this video, is</p> <p>19 this typical, in your experience as a member of</p> <p>20 the SWAT unit in the City of Philadelphia, is this</p> <p>21 typical of how a knock and announce is done?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form</p> <p>23 of the question.</p> <p>24 Sergeant?</p>

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1 THE WITNESS: Can I see it real  
2 time?  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. Do you mean you want me to start  
5 over?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Okay.  
8 A. Because you stopped before anybody  
9 went in.  
10 Q. Fair enough. So I'm going to go  
11 back to the 1:35 mark. And I'm going to push  
12 play. And I'll pause it whenever you tell me to.  
13 Okay?  
14 A. Okay.  
15 Q. So pushing play from 1:35.  
16 A. Can you do me a favor?  
17 Q. Yes.  
18 A. Can you just review that up until  
19 he walks up to the door for me for a second, can  
20 you replay that?  
21 Q. Okay. So just to clear the record,  
22 I paused the video at the 2:34 mark.  
23 And do you want me to go back to  
24 start where I was or from a different place?

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1 A. Where they start walking up.  
2 MR. WEST: Okay. Did I say 1:35  
3 before?  
4 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.  
5 By MR. WEST:  
6 Q. Just for the sake of a clear record  
7 I'm going to go back to 1:35 and push the play  
8 button. Again, I'll pause at any point you want  
9 me to.  
10 A. Okay. You can pause it.  
11 Q. Okay. I'm pausing at 2:32.  
12 So what did you see there?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
14 form.  
15 Sergeant?  
16 THE WITNESS: I saw a knock and  
17 announce and breach of the door.  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. So you believe that what you saw  
20 was a knock and announce consistent with the  
21 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
22 Department?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
24 form.

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1 Sergeant, you can answer.  
2 THE WITNESS: So I'm going to say  
3 visually looking at that video, no, but  
4 I don't know what the circumstances were  
5 and what the lieutenant was thinking at  
6 that time.  
7 BY MR. WEST:  
8 Q. Okay. Assuming there were no  
9 exigent circumstances, was this consistent with  
10 the knock and announce rule policies from the  
11 Philadelphia Police Department?  
12 A. No.  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
14 form.  
15 THE WITNESS: I'm going to say no.  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. Was this consistent with your  
18 experience, as a member of the SWAT unit, as far  
19 as how a warrant enforcement action would normally  
20 be done?  
21 A. No.  
22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
23 THE WITNESS: No.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. How is this different than normal?  
2 A. From my liking --  
3 Q. No, I'm not asking --  
4 A. No. I'm saying like when I -- if  
5 it was me ordering the breach --  
6 Q. Yes, let me clarify. I'm not  
7 asking for your liking or preference right now.  
8 Based on your experience as  
9 somebody, I think you said, you've done thousands  
10 of these, how is this different than your normal  
11 experience, not your preference, your actual  
12 experience?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And objection to  
14 form.  
15 Sergeant, you can answer based on  
16 what you know.  
17 THE WITNESS: How is it different?  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. Yes. Or is it the same, is this  
20 normal?  
21 A. That is not normal.  
22 Q. Okay. So why is this not normal?  
23 A. Like I said, you have two people  
24 ordering the breach, if I ordered the breach or if



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1 the lieutenant ordered the breach. Like if I  
 2 ordered it, it would be different.  
 3 Q. Okay. But I'm not asking for a  
 4 hypothetical question or I'm not asking for your  
 5 personal opinion.  
 6 In your experience as somebody  
 7 who's seen, by your prior testimony, hundreds or  
 8 thousands of warrant enforcement actions, why is  
 9 this not typical of how the SWAT unit would  
 10 normally do this, if it was not typical?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to  
 12 form.  
 13 Sergeant?  
 14 THE WITNESS: A little quick to my  
 15 liking.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Because they didn't wait a  
 18 reasonable amount of time?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Like, again, I don't  
 21 know what that time is. A reasonable  
 22 amount of time is, you know, a  
 23 reasonable amount of time.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Did they not wait as long as you  
 2 normally expect?  
 3 A. If I would have done it, no.  
 4 Q. And, again, I'm not asking you how  
 5 you would have done it.  
 6 I'm just asking in your experience  
 7 based on how it's normally done, is this something  
 8 you've seen before or is this completely different  
 9 than any other time you've seen it?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
 11 for the record.  
 12 Sergeant, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: If there's exigent  
 14 circumstances, if there was like someone  
 15 jumped out a window or a gun comes out  
 16 the window, we're taking the door.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. I can represent to you we've  
 19 had many people testify in this case previously  
 20 that there were no exigent circumstances.  
 21 A. Okay.  
 22 Q. So assuming that there were no  
 23 exigent circumstances, have you ever seen a SWAT  
 24 unit warrant enforcement operation that looked

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1 like this or is this unique?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 3 characterization of prior testimony and  
 4 object to the form.  
 5 Ahead, Sergeant, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: That was a first.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. And what makes this a first?  
 9 A. A little quick.  
 10 Q. Because they didn't wait enough  
 11 time?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection,  
 13 for the record.  
 14 THE WITNESS: You could say.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. So when I asked you at the  
 17 beginning of this deposition if this was any  
 18 different than any other operation, why didn't you  
 19 tell me, yeah, we went in too quick?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 21 form, particularly argumentative.  
 22 Go ahead, Sergeant, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: These warrants are  
 24 all different.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. But I'm just asking when I  
 3 asked you -- you knew what you were going to be  
 4 deposed about today; right?  
 5 A. Right.  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 7 form.  
 8 Go ahead, Sergeant.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. And you had a chance to review your  
 11 prior statement and you probably had a chance to  
 12 try to remember what happened that day; correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 14 Go ahead, Sergeant.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. So at the beginning of this  
 18 deposition if I asked you if this operation was  
 19 typical or different, your testimony was typical.  
 20 Why have you changed your testimony  
 21 after seeing the video?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection as asked  
 23 and answered. Objection as  
 24 argumentative.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 Go ahead, Sergeant, answer again.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: That's not -- that's</p> <p>3 not what you asked me. Just because you</p> <p>4 showed me a video don't like change why</p> <p>5 you asked that question and how I</p> <p>6 answered it.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Isn't it true that if you hadn't</p> <p>9 seen this video you would still say that this was</p> <p>10 a typical operation and they followed the knock</p> <p>11 and announce rule?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 Sergeant, you can answer; if you</p> <p>14 can.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I can't answer. I</p> <p>16 don't know. You're asking me if this is</p> <p>17 typical, I'm telling you no. If you're</p> <p>18 asking me in the beginning when the</p> <p>19 interview started if there's anything</p> <p>20 different, I can't recall that.</p> <p>21 MR. WEST: Okay. That's all I</p> <p>22 have.</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'll be very</p> <p>24 brief.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p> <p>1 MR. WEST: Our Bates Stamps didn't</p> <p>2 come through. But if you can show it to</p> <p>3 me. It would be in here somewhere.</p> <p>4 Okay, whatever. You can ask him.</p> <p>5 ---</p> <p>6 EXAMINATION</p> <p>7 ---</p> <p>8 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:</p> <p>9 Q. Sergeant --</p> <p>10 MR. WEST: We'll mark that as an</p> <p>11 exhibit; right?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: We can mark that</p> <p>13 as Exhibit if we're up to Melody-15?</p> <p>14 THE COURT REPORTER: 14.</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: 14. We'll mark</p> <p>16 this. For the record, it's Bates</p> <p>17 Stamped D 000098. And we'll mark it</p> <p>18 Melody-14 then.</p> <p>19 ---</p> <p>20 (Whereupon, Exhibit Melody-14 was</p> <p>21 marked for identification.)</p> <p>22 ---</p> <p>23 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>24 Q. Sergeant, I'm going to show you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p> <p>1 MR. WEST: Do you want me to leave</p> <p>2 this up?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No. But I do have</p> <p>4 a photo I'm going to show him I Bates</p> <p>5 Stamped. I'm sorry, I didn't know I was</p> <p>6 going to ask about it.</p> <p>7 Can I just give you the Bates</p> <p>8 Stamp?</p> <p>9 I can put it on the TV, whatever</p> <p>10 you want to do.</p> <p>11 MR. WEST: Yes, you can show it to</p> <p>12 me.</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Sure. It's Number</p> <p>14 98.</p> <p>15 MR. WEST: Okay. Give me a second.</p> <p>16 Let me see if I have that. Yes, they</p> <p>17 didn't come through.</p> <p>18 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: Our Bates</p> <p>19 Stamp Numbers or yours?</p> <p>20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Mine.</p> <p>21 MR. WEST: Yes, they didn't come</p> <p>22 through, but this is it.</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: No, it's Number</p> <p>24 98.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p> <p>1 this picture on my computer. Just take a look at</p> <p>2 that.</p> <p>3 A. (Witness complies.)</p> <p>4 Q. Do you recognize any of the</p> <p>5 properties on this photograph?</p> <p>6 A. Could be this one.</p> <p>7 (Witness indicating.)</p> <p>8 Q. Are you indicating the one on the</p> <p>9 far right of the picture?</p> <p>10 A. Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q. What is that property?</p> <p>12 A. That's the rear location.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And that's the rear entrance</p> <p>14 to 4664 Torresdale?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And you observed that prior to the</p> <p>17 warrant execution?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. I believe you testified a</p> <p>20 little bit earlier about a bump-out on the rear</p> <p>21 property.</p> <p>22 Can you, using this picture,</p> <p>23 describe a little bit what you meant by a</p> <p>24 bump-out?</p>

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1 A. It's a probably a ten-by-ten square  
 2 box off the back of the house with a door and a  
 3 window on it.  
 4 Q. So based on your observation of the  
 5 rear entrance in this property, does that lead you  
 6 to conclude that that was the entrance to the  
 7 second-floor rear apartment?  
 8 MR. WEST: Objection to the form of  
 9 the question.  
 10 You can't lead your own witness.  
 11 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 12 Q. Go ahead, you can answer.  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Okay. Why not?  
 15 A. It looks like a door from a kitchen  
 16 off a first floor. Usually that's they are coming  
 17 off a bump-out like that, just come off a kitchen  
 18 on the first floor.  
 19 Q. Was there -- can you see any  
 20 markings on that rear door from that photograph?  
 21 A. No.  
 22 Q. Do you recall any markings on that  
 23 rear door?  
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. If you don't mind, I'm going to  
 2 borrow that. I'm going to show you what's been  
 3 previously marked as Mellody-10.  
 4 Is that the front of 4664  
 5 Torresdale Avenue?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Okay. Is that how it appeared  
 8 based -- on the day of the incident in question,  
 9 based on your recollection?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Okay. Did you -- do you observe in  
 12 this photograph any beware of dog sign?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 Q. Do you recall one, do you recall  
 15 observing one prior to the execution of the  
 16 warrant?  
 17 A. No.  
 18 Q. I just want to show you what's been  
 19 previously marked as Mellody-7.  
 20 Sergeant, just for the record, did  
 21 you create this photograph in Mellody-7?  
 22 A. No.  
 23 Q. Did you create the -- I'm sorry --  
 24 the pink arrow that's on that photograph?

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1 A. No.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's all I have.  
 3 Keith might be some follow-up based  
 4 on that for you.  
 5 ---  
 6 EXAMINATION  
 7 ---  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Yes. Just you were asked some  
 10 questions about the pink arrow.  
 11 Is the pink arrow exactly the same  
 12 route that you would have recommended for the SWAT  
 13 unit to follow to enter this property if you had  
 14 had the information from the probation and parole  
 15 office or would you have recommended a different  
 16 route?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
 18 form.  
 19 Sergeant; you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No. We would have  
 21 went to the rear.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. But is it the same as the yellow --  
 24 or strike.

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1 Is it the same route as the pink?  
 2 A. I don't know because we can come  
 3 from up Margaret Street. I don't know, because  
 4 our stage could be somewhere east of Torresdale.  
 5 Q. I'm going to come around and look  
 6 at the photo. I'm not going to make you  
 7 uncomfortable, not that I'm capable of making you  
 8 uncomfortable.  
 9 A. It all depends on the stage. If  
 10 the stage is somewhere back here --  
 11 Q. Yes.  
 12 A. -- we're coming up this way and  
 13 making a right in. (Witness indicating.)  
 14 Q. All right.  
 15 A. It all depends where the stage is  
 16 at.  
 17 Q. All right. Fair enough.  
 18 But so if you're in the part of the  
 19 prop -- of the arrow that comes before Margaret  
 20 Street, if we started from Margaret Street to the  
 21 rear door, is that the route that you would have  
 22 recommended?  
 23 A. Most likely.  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: The same

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1 objection.

2 MR. WEST: All right. Okay. I  
3 have no more questions.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: None for me. I  
5 just need to designate on the record, I  
6 think there was one mention of xxxxxxx  
7 xxx. So while the Confidentiality Order  
8 is in place we'll designate that  
9 confidential.

10 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: We are  
11 concluding this deposition at 1:12 p.m.

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13 (Whereupon, the deposition  
14 concluded at 1:12 p.m.)

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# EXHIBIT “P”

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<div>Page 1</div> <div>IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</div> <div>FELISHATAY ALVARADO, : : Plaintiff (s) : : -vs- : JUNE TERM, 2022 : CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, : et al. : NO.: 01633 : Defendant (s) : - - - Monday, May 15, 2023 - - -</div> <div>ORAL VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION of OFFICER EDWARD SONG, was taken, pursuant to notice, held at the Victims' Recovery Law Center, 121 South Broad Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19107, commencing at 10:02 a.m., before LISA HUGHES, Court Reporter and Notary Public, there being present:</div> <div>DIAMOND COURT REPORTING 406 REDBUD LANE MANTUA, NEW JERSEY 08051 856-589-1107</div>	<div>Page 3</div> <div>1 --- 2 INDEX 3 --- 4 5 WITNESS PAGE 6 OFFICER EDWARD SONG 7 8 9 EXAMINATION: 10 BY MR. WEST 4 11 BY MR. URBRIGGEN 95 12 13 14 --- 15 EXHIBITS 16 --- 17 18 EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE MARKED 19 Song-1 photocopy of photograph 27 20 Song-2 Philadelphia Police 21 Department Directive 88 22 23 24</div>
<div>Page 2</div> <div>1 APPEARANCES: 2 3 VICTIMS' RECOVERY LAW CENTER BY: KEITH T. WEST, ESQUIRE 121 South Broad Street 18th Floor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 Phone: (215) 546-1433 keith@victimrecoverylaw.com.com Representing the Plaintiff 4 5 6 7 8 CITY OF PHILADELPHIA LAW DEPARTMENT BY: ADAM R. ZURBRIGGEN, ESQUIRE One Parkway Building 1515 Arch Street, 16th Floor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 Phone: (215) 683-5114 adam.zurbriggen@phila.gov Representing the Defendants 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ALSO PRESENT: 16 SAMANTHA DIBONA, VIDEOGRAPHER 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24</div>	<div>Page 4</div> <div>1 - - - 2 (It is hereby stipulated and 3 agreed by and between counsel for 4 respective parties that reading, 5 signing, sealing, certification and 6 filing are waived and that all 7 objections, except as to the form of 8 questions, be reserved until the 9 time of trial and that any objection 10 by one defense counsel will inure to 11 the benefit of all other defense 12 counsel present.) 13 - - - 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is 15 the audio video deposition for use 16 at trial in the matter of Felishatay 17 Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et 18 al. GD #22-3763 and I'm the video 19 operator. My name is Samantha 20 Dibona and I'm employed by the 21 Victims' Recovery Law Center. 22 My address is, 121 South Broad 23 Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia, 24 Pennsylvania 19107. Today's date is</div>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 May 15, 2023 at 10:02 a.m.</p> <p>2 This deposition is being</p> <p>3 performed in person. The caption in</p> <p>4 this case is Alverado v. City of</p> <p>5 Philadelphia, et al., GD #22-3763.</p> <p>6 The witness being deposed today is</p> <p>7 Officer Edward Song. This</p> <p>8 deposition is being taken on behalf</p> <p>9 of the Plaintiff, Felishatay</p> <p>10 Alvarado. The officer taking this</p> <p>11 deposition today is Lisa Hughes and</p> <p>12 she shall swear in the witness at</p> <p>13 this time.</p> <p>14 - - -</p> <p>15 OFFICER EDWARD SONG,</p> <p>16 having been first duly sworn, was</p> <p>17 examined and testified as follows:</p> <p>18 - - -</p> <p>19 EXAMINATION</p> <p>20 - - -</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. Good morning, Officer Song. My name is</p> <p>23 Keith West, I'm one of the attorneys</p> <p>24 representing Ms. Alvarado in this lawsuit.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 difference is everything we're saying has to</p> <p>2 be written down by the court reporter. So</p> <p>3 you're actually doing exactly what you're</p> <p>4 supposed to do already, but unlike a normal</p> <p>5 conversation, all of our responses have to be</p> <p>6 spoken and we can't ever speak at the same</p> <p>7 time. Okay?</p> <p>8 A. Okay.</p> <p>9 Q. So your attorney may have an objection</p> <p>10 at some point. If your attorney begins</p> <p>11 speaking, anyone else begins speaking, just</p> <p>12 please pause and then we'll continue. Okay?</p> <p>13 A. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q. Your only obligation today is to give</p> <p>15 truthful testimony based on your personal</p> <p>16 knowledge, so at no point am I going to ask</p> <p>17 you to guess or speculate, so please just</p> <p>18 give us the information that's available to</p> <p>19 you. Okay?</p> <p>20 A. Okay.</p> <p>21 Q. If you are able to give an estimate or</p> <p>22 an approximation based on partial knowledge,</p> <p>23 that's also very helpful, we'd ask for you to</p> <p>24 give us your estimate or approximation, just</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 How are you doing this morning?</p> <p>2 A. Great. How are you doing?</p> <p>3 Q. Good. And you've had a chance to</p> <p>4 confer with your attorney, you're prepared to</p> <p>5 testify today; is that correct?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. Just a couple standard questions</p> <p>8 I have to ask. Are you under the influence</p> <p>9 of any sort of illness, medication,</p> <p>10 substance, condition, anything that would</p> <p>11 impair your ability to testify truthfully</p> <p>12 today?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Have you ever been in a</p> <p>15 deposition before?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. This is your first deposition</p> <p>18 experience?</p> <p>19 A. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q. All right. I'm sure your attorney gave</p> <p>21 you a background, but let me just give you a</p> <p>22 few ground rules just so you understand how</p> <p>23 the process works. In many ways this may</p> <p>24 feel like a normal conversation, but a big</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 let us know that's what you're doing. Okay?</p> <p>2 A. Okay.</p> <p>3 Q. Boring, but the example we always use</p> <p>4 is if I asked you how many feet it is to the</p> <p>5 wall, because you're not a robot you probably</p> <p>6 can't tell me to the inch exactly how far it</p> <p>7 is to the wall, but you probably could give</p> <p>8 an estimate or an approximation, right? You</p> <p>9 would do that in the course of your job?</p> <p>10 A. Correct.</p> <p>11 Q. But, you know, if you've grown up in</p> <p>12 France and only knew the metric system, I'm</p> <p>13 not asking you to guess or speculate what a</p> <p>14 foot is. Do you understand the difference?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Also, this is not intended to be an</p> <p>17 unnecessarily uncomfortable process, so if</p> <p>18 you need a break at any time, a cup of</p> <p>19 coffee, whatever, just let us know and we'll</p> <p>20 try to be as accommodating as possible.</p> <p>21 Okay?</p> <p>22 A. Okay.</p> <p>23 Q. Likewise, any question you're asked, if</p> <p>24 you need me to speak louder, repeat the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 question, if you have trouble understanding</p> <p>2 the question, just let us know and we're</p> <p>3 going to try to, if possible, restate or</p> <p>4 rephrase the question. Okay?</p> <p>5 A. Okay.</p> <p>6 Q. All right. So Officer Song, what is</p> <p>7 your current job?</p> <p>8 A. Philadelphia Police Officer, assigned</p> <p>9 to the SWAT unit.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. What is your specific rank</p> <p>11 within the Philadelphia Police Department?</p> <p>12 A. Police officer.</p> <p>13 Q. And what specific SWAT unit are you</p> <p>14 assigned to?</p> <p>15 A. Philadelphia Police.</p> <p>16 Q. There's only one SWAT?</p> <p>17 A. Correct.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. How long have you been with</p> <p>19 SWAT?</p> <p>20 A. Fifteen years.</p> <p>21 Q. And how long have you been with the</p> <p>22 Philadelphia Police Department?</p> <p>23 A. Twenty-three years.</p> <p>24 Q. And just briefly, how did you join the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 investigation; is that fair to say?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form, but, Officer, you can answer</p> <p>4 if you can.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I don't know.</p> <p>6 Was there an investigation? I was</p> <p>7 interviewed by the Internal Affairs.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. But you're not sure if there was</p> <p>10 an Internal Affairs investigation?</p> <p>11 A. I'm not privy to their investigations.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Since joining the Philadelphia</p> <p>13 Police Department, how many times have you</p> <p>14 been interviewed by Internal Affairs?</p> <p>15 A. I can't tell you for sure. I don't</p> <p>16 know, maybe about ten times.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. So approximately, ten times; is</p> <p>18 that correct?</p> <p>19 A. Roughly, around ten times, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. How many of these ten times you've been</p> <p>21 interviewed by Internal Affairs occurred</p> <p>22 since you've joined the SWAT team?</p> <p>23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 SWAT unit?</p> <p>2 A. After the allotted time that you're</p> <p>3 allowed then you put in a transfer and you</p> <p>4 get interviewed and if they accept you you go</p> <p>5 on to the SWAT unit after training.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Did you apply to transfer to the</p> <p>7 SWAT unit as early as you were eligible to do</p> <p>8 so?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Regarding the incident with Ms.</p> <p>11 Alvarado, I believe that there was an</p> <p>12 investigation by the District Attorney's</p> <p>13 Office, correct?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>15 form. You can answer.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I have no</p> <p>17 knowledge of their investigation.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Were you interviewed or asked to</p> <p>20 give any statement about the incident?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. And who were you interviewed by?</p> <p>23 A. I believe Internal Affairs.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. So there's an Internal Affairs</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: I don't know.</p> <p>2 I don't know the number. I can't</p> <p>3 tell you.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. Chronologically, when was the first</p> <p>6 time you were interviewed by the Internal</p> <p>7 Affairs?</p> <p>8 A. I don't know. At some point when I was</p> <p>9 in the 19th District, where I was first</p> <p>10 assigned.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Prior to you joining the SWAT?</p> <p>12 A. Correct.</p> <p>13 Q. Can you give an estimate or an</p> <p>14 approximation of how many times you've been</p> <p>15 interviewed by Internal Affairs since joining</p> <p>16 the SWAT.</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>18 form, but, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I don't know.</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. Of the approximately ten times that</p> <p>22 you've been interviewed by Internal Affairs,</p> <p>23 how many of these times involved a discharge</p> <p>24 of a firearm?</p>



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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Once.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. And what was that incident?

6 A. The dog shooting.

7 Q. The dog shooting involving Ms.  
8 Alvarado?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Okay. So then the nine other  
11 instances, none of those involved a firearm  
12 being discharged in any way?

13 A. As far as I remember, no.

14 Q. Okay. In very general terms, can you  
15 tell me what each of the prior instances  
16 where you were interviewed by Internal  
17 Affairs involved?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
19 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Truthfully, I  
21 can't tell you.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. So your testimony right now is that you  
24 cannot recall any details of any of the other

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1 of the Philadelphia Police Department?

2 A. I attended a basic school for the SWAT  
3 unit and as ongoing training throughout the  
4 year at the SWAT unit.

5 Q. Okay. Did you receive any training  
6 regarding any policies adopted by the  
7 Philadelphia Police Department regarding when  
8 it was appropriate or not appropriate to  
9 discharge a firearm?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
11 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Can you say  
13 the question again?

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Absolutely. Any time. Did you receive  
16 any training with regards to what policies  
17 have been adopted by the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department with regards to when it was  
19 appropriate or not appropriate to discharge a  
20 firearm?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
22 form. Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: You fire your  
24 weapon when you're in danger or you

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1 approximately ten times you've been  
2 interviewed?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
4 objection. Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: No.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. That is your testimony or that's not  
8 your testimony?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
10 objection. You can answer, Officer.

11 THE WITNESS: I remember  
12 going to Internal Affairs, but what  
13 I was interviewed for, I can't  
14 remember. I don't know what  
15 happened.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. So you have zero recollection of all  
18 prior incidences, correct?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
20 objection. Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. All right. What kind of training did  
24 you receive as part of being on the SWAT team

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1 can get hurt.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. All right. That's your recollection of  
4 the training you received, that you could  
5 fire your firearm when you're in danger or if  
6 you can get hurt; is that correct?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
8 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Do you recall anything additional  
12 regarding that?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Did you receive, to your  
15 recollection, any specific training with  
16 regards to how to deal with dogs when  
17 executing a warrant?

18 A. What kind of dog are you talking about?

19 Q. Any kind of dog.

20 A. Any kind of dog? If the dog is  
21 friendly then the dog is friendly, you just  
22 bypass the dog, but if the dog is going to  
23 attack you then you do what you need to do to  
24 prevent you from getting seriously injured.

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1 Q. Okay. But let me make sure you  
2 understand the question. My question is, do  
3 you recall any specific training? I can ask  
4 you more questions about the training, but  
5 this, I think, is a yes or no question.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Do you recall receiving any specific  
8 training from the Philadelphia Police  
9 Department with regards to how you should  
10 interact with dogs on the property when  
11 executing a warrant?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. So your prior testimony about  
14 dealing with friendly dogs or not friendly  
15 dogs, is that just based on your own personal  
16 opinion?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of anything  
22 called the knock and announce rule?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Before.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. All right. So you've received  
4 training that told you what the knock and  
5 announce rule was prior to our incident on  
6 June 4, 2021, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. All right. And I believe your  
9 testimony was that when executing a warrant  
10 you should knock on the door and then provide  
11 an ample amount of time before breaching the  
12 door; is that correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
14 form. Officer, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. And I apologize if some of these  
18 questions seem like lawyers are so annoying,  
19 but it's just to create a clean record.  
20 Okay?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. This is going to sound like I'm asking  
23 the same question, it's slightly different, I  
24 promise, I'm not trying to reask. Was the

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Please tell me to the best of your  
4 understanding what the knock and announce  
5 rule is?

6 A. You knock and announce the warrant  
7 charges, you give ample amount of time for  
8 the person to come answer the door, and if  
9 they don't answer then the order is given to  
10 breach the door.

11 Q. Okay. And where did you learn about  
12 the knock and announce rule?

13 A. It's part of the training during the  
14 basic school during SWAT.

15 Q. Okay. Now, when you referred to the  
16 information that you obtained through your  
17 training with the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department a moment ago, were you referring  
19 to information that you had received prior to  
20 the date of our incident, which was June 4,  
21 2021, or is this only information that you've  
22 learned subsequent?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

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1 information that you're required to provide  
2 an ample amount of time before breaching the  
3 door when executing a warrant consistent with  
4 the training that you received from the  
5 Philadelphia Police Department?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
7 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. All right. So when you were provided  
11 this training from the Philadelphia Police  
12 Department, were you given any guidance as to  
13 what an ample amount of time would mean?

14 A. Well, when we do the knock and  
15 announce, we knock and announce and the door  
16 isn't breached until the supervisor gives the  
17 okay to breach the door, he gives the command  
18 to breach the door and that's when the door  
19 is breached.

20 Q. Okay. I understand what you're saying,  
21 but I'm just asking you to remember whatever  
22 training you received from the Philadelphia  
23 Police Department, that's my question.

24 A. Right.

1 Q. So in any of the training that you  
2 received from the Philadelphia Police  
3 Department prior to June 4, 2021, did any of  
4 that training give you any guidance as to  
5 what was meant by an ample amount of time?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
7 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: I really can't  
9 tell you, no.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. For example, would it be a  
12 minimum of five seconds, ten seconds,  
13 anything like that?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
15 objection, but, Officer, you can  
16 answer.

17 THE WITNESS: I will say at  
18 least 30, 40 seconds.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. So it's your understanding that  
21 between knocking on the door and breaching  
22 the door, you should allow at least 30 to  
23 40 seconds, correct?

24 A. Correct.

1 Q. And with regards to the incident  
2 involving Ms. Alvarado, do you have any  
3 personal knowledge if at least 30 to 40  
4 seconds passed between the knock on the door  
5 and the door being breached?

6 A. I really can't tell you how long the  
7 knock time was.

8 Q. Okay. Would you be surprised to learn  
9 that it was less than that?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
11 form.

12 THE WITNESS: I really can't  
13 tell you how long the time was.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. Do you recall the incident  
16 involving Ms. Alvarado well enough now that  
17 you can recall who physically breached the  
18 door?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I really can't  
22 tell you who breached the door.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. Were you present when the door

1 was breached?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you recall who else was there?

4 A. I know I was the first in line.

5 Officer Hamoy was behind me and I believe  
6 Lieutenant Monk was behind him and I believe  
7 behind Lieutenant Monk was Officer Saba and  
8 behind Officer Saba was Officer Burkitt and  
9 behind Officer Burkitt was Sergeant Mellody.  
10 I believe. That's the best of my  
11 recollection.

12 Q. Okay. And when you say behind, do you  
13 mean like a line?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. All right. So you were the  
16 first person in line?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. So does that mean you're the one who  
19 actually breached the door?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay. And then the second person,  
22 could you spell that name if you know?

23 A. H-A-M-O-Y.

24 Q. And then the third person?

1 A. Lieutenant Monk.

2 Q. And then the fourth person?

3 A. Officer Saba.

4 Q. And then I think you said a fifth  
5 person?

6 A. The fifth person is Officer Burkitt.

7 Q. All right. When conducting a warrant  
8 enforcement on a house as part of the  
9 Philadelphia SWAT team, would a person  
10 normally be assigned as the point person?  
11 Does that term mean anything to you in this  
12 context?

13 A. It's whoever is assigned to the first  
14 floor is going to be the first person in the  
15 door.

16 Q. Okay. Let me take a step back. Is the  
17 term point person, is that a term that in  
18 your experience is normally used by the SWAT  
19 team?

20 A. I don't think we use that term, it's  
21 just whoever is the first in line, whoever is  
22 first in.

23 Q. Okay. And I think you said it's  
24 whoever is on the first floor?

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1 A. So if you're assigned an entry team, if  
2 you're assigned an entry team you're assigned  
3 a floor to clear the property. So if you're  
4 the first person in -- if you're assigned to  
5 the first floor and you're the first person  
6 on the first floor then you're the first  
7 person that's going in the door first.

8 Q. Okay. So when you were executing the  
9 warrant at Ms. Alvarado's house, was it your  
10 understanding that you were specifically  
11 assigned to enter the first floor apartment?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 form. Officer, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: I was assigned  
15 to go in first, to the first floor,  
16 yes. Or if it's an apartment, then  
17 I'll be the first person to go into  
18 the second floor apartment.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. So were you supposed to go in on  
21 the first floor or the second door?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
23 objection. Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: So if it's an

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR. WEST: We'll mark this  
3 as Song-1.

4 - - -

5 (Whereupon, Song-1 was  
6 marked for identification.)

7 - - -

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Mr. Song, if you wouldn't mind looking  
10 at this for a moment and let me know if  
11 you're able to identify what this is a  
12 picture of?

13 A. This is a picture of Torredale Avenue.

14 Q. And to your knowledge, have you ever  
15 been to any of the houses in this picture?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Can you tell me which ones?

18 A. The third house from the right.

19 Q. The one with kind of a tan exterior?

20 A. I believe so, yes.

21 Q. Again, this is a question that I don't  
22 mean any offense by this, I just have to  
23 create a clean record. Because a lot of  
24 people are color blind. Are you color blind?

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1 apartment and to say it's a -- just  
2 say we're going into this law office  
3 and there's no second floor and  
4 we're hitting an apartment, I am  
5 still first in, I'll be the lead  
6 person on the first team so I'll be  
7 the first one in the door still.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay. When you executed the warrant at  
10 Ms. Alvarado's house, did you have any  
11 information provided to you as to who lived  
12 on the first floor of that building?

13 A. We were given information -- no. We  
14 were just given information that it was --  
15 homicide gave us a warrant to serve on this  
16 gentleman that was wanted for homicide, he  
17 was supposed to be in the second floor rear  
18 and that's who we were going after.

19 Q. Okay. So you were aware before  
20 entering the buildings that the warrant was  
21 only valid for the second floor rear,  
22 correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

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1 A. I'm not colored blind.

2 Q. All right. And to your recollection,  
3 when have you been in the house that you just  
4 identified?

5 A. The day in question.

6 Q. Okay. So when you entered Ms.  
7 Alvarado's house, this is the house then? Do  
8 you recognize it?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: Correct.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. All right. Sir, I will  
14 represent to you that this is a Google Maps  
15 picture that I printed out this morning. In  
16 the upper left corner it says 9:30 a.m.,  
17 Monday, May 15th. So I took this picture  
18 from Google Maps this morning just to  
19 represent to you where it came from. And  
20 does this appear to look the same as it did  
21 the day that the dog got shot?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: I can't tell

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1 you from this view, but I remember  
2 walking up to the property in  
3 question of the warrant service and  
4 I remember the address of the  
5 property on being at the house and I  
6 don't think I remember actually  
7 looking down the street from this  
8 view so I can't tell you what  
9 specifically you're talking about.  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. Is there anything that you remember  
12 about how the house looked that day that is  
13 different than what you see in the picture?  
14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
15 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
16 THE WITNESS: I really can't  
17 tell you.  
18 BY MR. WEST:  
19 Q. Okay. So, sir, if you look at the  
20 picture you can see that there is a front  
21 door there and there's two mailboxes,  
22 correct?  
23 A. Correct.  
24 Q. Can you tell if there's any second

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1 floor above if you go through that door?  
2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
4 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat  
5 the question?  
6 BY MR. WEST:  
7 Q. Right. If you look at this picture, if  
8 you go through that door, is there any second  
9 floor above that door?  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
11 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
12 THE WITNESS: Can I tell if  
13 there's a second floor from that  
14 front door? No, I can't tell.  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. So based on all the training that  
17 you've received from the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department as part of being the SWAT team,  
19 you can't look at this door and tell that you  
20 can't get to the second floor through this  
21 door, through this picture?  
22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
24 THE WITNESS: No.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
2 Q. For the record, I'm going to highlight  
3 something. So we're going to use the pink  
4 highlighter. If you look at the area where  
5 there's a pink highlight, can tell if there's  
6 a space there that is enterable through that  
7 door where there is no second floor? Can you  
8 tell that or you're not able to tell?  
9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
11 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat  
12 the question?  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. Right. So I've highlighted an area  
15 with the pink highlighter. Can you see that?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Okay. The area with the pink  
18 highlighter, is there any second floor there?  
19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
21 THE WITNESS: No.  
22 BY MR. WEST:  
23 Q. Okay. So you can tell from this  
24 picture that if you go through this door

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1 you're entering an area where there is no  
2 second floor, correct?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
4 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
5 THE WITNESS: What's the  
6 specific question you're  
7 asking? There's no second floor  
8 above the area that we went in, is  
9 that what you're asking?  
10 BY MR. WEST:  
11 Q. Right. I'll rephrase the question. So  
12 you can tell from this picture that if  
13 somebody walks through that door they're  
14 entering a room where there is no second  
15 floor, correct?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
17 form. Officer, you can answer.  
18 THE WITNESS: There is no  
19 second floor above that area,  
20 correct.  
21 BY MR. WEST:  
22 Q. All right. On the day of the dog  
23 shooting, who did you believe lived in this  
24 area where there was no second floor?



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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 2 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: The building  
 4 does have a second floor.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. But you acknowledge that there's an  
 7 area where there is no second floor, correct?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 9 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: There's no  
 11 second floor in that front room,  
 12 correct.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. On the day of the shooting, who did you  
 15 believe lived in that front room?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 17 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 18 THE WITNESS: I didn't  
 19 believe any -- I don't know who  
 20 lived in the front room. We were  
 21 trying to get to the second floor.  
 22 Do you want me to explain why --  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer,  
 24 there's no question pending.

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1 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Did you end up shooting a dog on the  
 4 day that you executed the warrant at Ms.  
 5 Alvarado's house?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Did you know that the dog was in the  
 8 house before you entered the house?  
 9 A. No. I don't recall.  
 10 Q. Did you hear a dog barking before you  
 11 entered the house?  
 12 A. I don't recall.  
 13 Q. Do you recall if you had any  
 14 information available to you as to whether or  
 15 not there was a dog in that house before you  
 16 entered?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 18 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: No, I don't  
 20 recall.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. If you had known there was a dog in the  
 23 house before you entered, would that have  
 24 changed how you went about executing the

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1 warrant in any way, whatsoever?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: No.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Officer Song, I'm going to mark this  
 7 with a yellow highlighter. So I've marked an  
 8 area with a yellow highlighter, is that the  
 9 door that you entered prior to shooting the  
 10 dog?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 12 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: At this angle  
 14 I can't tell you for certain, I  
 15 just remember the front of the  
 16 property.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. The door that you entered, was  
 19 that in the front of the property?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 Q. Do you see any other door that you  
 22 consider to be the front of the property in  
 23 this picture?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to

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1 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 2 THE WITNESS: No.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. So how was the door breached?  
 5 A. I believe the door was breached with a  
 6 ram.  
 7 Q. And do you know why a ram was used to  
 8 breach the door?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 10 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 11 THE WITNESS: Because the  
 12 door was locked.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Did anyone knock on the door before it  
 15 was rammed?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Do you know who knocked on the door?  
 18 A. I do not.  
 19 Q. It wasn't you, correct?  
 20 A. Correct.  
 21 Q. Do you know how many times the door was  
 22 knocked on before it was rammed?  
 23 A. I do not.  
 24 Q. You have no recollection of that,



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1 correct?

2 A. I don't recall, no.

3 Q. Do you have any specific recollection  
4 of seeing anyone knock on the door?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 the form. You can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Someone did  
8 knock on the door, yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. How do you know that?

11 A. Because he was standing in front of me.

12 Q. But you can't recall who it was or how  
13 long they knocked, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
15 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Correct.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Who was the first person to enter this  
19 property after the door was breached?

20 A. I was.

21 Q. And who did you expect to find, if  
22 anyone, on the other side of that door?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form. Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Can I have the  
4 question again?

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Yes. When you walked through the door  
7 that had been breached, did it occur to you  
8 that you might be entering the residence of  
9 someone other than the person named on the  
10 warrant?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
12 objection. Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: I believed I  
14 was going to be entering a hallway.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. A hallway? And what was your basis for  
17 believing that?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
19 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Ninety percent  
21 or even more than that, if there's a  
22 two-story apartment you can enter  
23 the front door and it's like a foyer  
24 area and it's a separation from

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1 THE WITNESS: Who did I  
2 expect to find? The person who  
3 we were looking for for the warrant  
4 search.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. The murder suspect?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. I think you testified earlier that you  
9 were aware that the warrant was only good for  
10 the second floor rear, correct?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
12 form. You can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Correct.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. When you entered that door, did you  
16 believe you were entering the second floor  
17 rear of the property?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
19 form. Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: No.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Did it occur to you that you might be  
23 entering the residence of someone else other  
24 than the suspect?

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1 going straight and going up to the  
2 second floor and another door that  
3 goes into the first floor.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. I don't mean any disrespect, Officer  
6 Song, but are you saying it was just a guess  
7 that there might be a hallway there?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 form. Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Through my  
11 experience in the SWAT unit, that I  
12 would say over 99 percent of the  
13 time that you go in that door if  
14 there's no other entrances  
15 available, that's a split. If it's  
16 a second floor apartment then you go  
17 in and there's a hallway there and  
18 there's another doorway that leads  
19 up to the second floor.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. And was that consistent with the  
22 training you received from the Philadelphia  
23 Police Department that this was a correct way  
24 to execute a warrant in a multi-resident

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 building?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: I would say</p> <p>5 it's just commonsense, you know,</p> <p>6 and like through the thousands and</p> <p>7 thousands of warrants I've done that</p> <p>8 that's the case.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. But my question is, is that consistent</p> <p>11 with the training you received from the</p> <p>12 Philadelphia Police Department?</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>14 objection. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Through my</p> <p>16 training? I can't answer that</p> <p>17 question. I don't know exactly what</p> <p>18 you're trying to -- what kind of</p> <p>19 answer you want. Did they train me</p> <p>20 on structures of a house? I don't</p> <p>21 know. They didn't.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. All right. You have no recollection of</p> <p>24 ever receiving any training as to review the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 enter the doorway there there's a</p> <p>2 split.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Was there another entrance to</p> <p>5 this building?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>7 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. And that was a rear entrance,</p> <p>11 correct?</p> <p>12 A. Correct.</p> <p>13 Q. And the warrant actually said rear on</p> <p>14 it, correct?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>16 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Did it occur to you that the rear</p> <p>20 entrance might have been the entrance to the</p> <p>21 rear apartment?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>23 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Did it occur</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 structure of a building; is that correct?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>5 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6 Q. And again, sir, I think you previously</p> <p>7 acknowledged, you can just look at this</p> <p>8 picture and you can see that there's no entry</p> <p>9 to the second floor from this picture,</p> <p>10 correct?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>12 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: There's no</p> <p>14 entry to the second floor?</p> <p>15 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>16 Q. There's a room on the other side of</p> <p>17 that door, correct?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>19 form.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: There's no way</p> <p>21 for me to know if there's a room or</p> <p>22 if there's a hallway, but if there's</p> <p>23 no other entrance then I would say</p> <p>24 over 99 percent of the time that you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 to me? It could have been in the</p> <p>2 rear. But there are many times that</p> <p>3 we serve warrants on houses that</p> <p>4 said second floor rear, second floor</p> <p>5 front, third floor rear, third floor</p> <p>6 front, but all the entrances was</p> <p>7 through the front door.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. So when you've been in this</p> <p>10 situation before, was there any effort made</p> <p>11 to try to determine what the proper way would</p> <p>12 be to enter the building before having to</p> <p>13 make a forced entry?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>15 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: The job was</p> <p>17 reconned, surveyed before we went</p> <p>18 out and served the actual warrant,</p> <p>19 and to the best of my knowledge,</p> <p>20 there was no indication that there</p> <p>21 was an entrance in the rear.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. So your understanding of this</p> <p>24 particular warrant at the 4664 Torresdale</p>

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1 Avenue is that you believe that there had  
2 been a recon done and there was no indication  
3 that there was a rear entrance; is that  
4 correct?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
6 form. Officer you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Correct.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. When you entered the front door of Ms.  
10 Alvarado's home, at that time were you  
11 unaware of the existence of a rear door?

12 A. No, I was not aware there was a rear  
13 door.

14 Q. That was a bad question. Let me reask  
15 the question just because I think you may  
16 have misheard me. At the time that you  
17 entered the front door of this property and  
18 entered Ms. Alvarado's private residence,  
19 were you unaware that there was a rear door  
20 to that property?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
22 form. Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I have no  
24 personal knowledge of the rear door.

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1 the warrant service and we talked  
2 about the -- well, he briefed us on  
3 the warrant service and the location  
4 of where we were going to enter the  
5 property as per what was seen during  
6 the recon of the property.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Okay. And do you remember what he  
9 specifically said about that?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
11 form. Go ahead.

12 THE WITNESS: He said the  
13 second floor.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. When briefings were done as part of the  
16 SWAT at the Philadelphia Police Department,  
17 would there normally be a written record of  
18 that briefing that you're aware of?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Basically,  
22 when there's a warrant service  
23 there's paperwork that is completed  
24 so the officers have the paperwork

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. You had no personal knowledge at that  
3 time, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Do you know one way or another whether  
6 or not Lt. Monk was aware of the existence of  
7 a rear door at that time?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 the form. Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: I am not  
11 aware.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Have you had any conversations with Lt.  
14 Monk at all about entering this property  
15 before you guys entered the property?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And just tell me everything you can  
18 remember as to what Lt. Monk said about  
19 entering this property before you entered the  
20 property?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
22 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: As with a  
24 warrant we have a briefing prior to

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1 with the information on it for the  
2 warrant service.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. And do you recall what that kind  
5 of paperwork is called, like does it have a  
6 title on the page?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
8 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: A recon sheet.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. A recon sheet. Okay. Is there  
12 anything beyond that or is it just the recon  
13 sheet?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
15 objection, but, Officer, you can  
16 answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Prior to the  
18 warrant we have recon sheets with  
19 all the information that's needed  
20 for the warrant service.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Officer Song, in Philadelphia a lot of  
23 people live in shared residences; is that  
24 fair based on your experience or not?

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 2 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: I can't attest  
 4 if they're shared properties or not.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Fair enough. Did you ever, as part of  
 7 being a member of the Philadelphia Police  
 8 Department SWAT team, did you ever receive  
 9 any specific training about shared  
 10 residences?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 12 the form, but, Officer, you can  
 13 answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: No.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. For example, as we've already discussed  
 17 before, you were aware that the warrant was  
 18 only for the second floor of the property,  
 19 right?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 21 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Okay. And, obviously, you knew the

1 property had a first floor, correct?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. And I think your testimony is that you  
 7 didn't know who lived on the first floor,  
 8 right?  
 9 A. Correct.  
 10 Q. Now, as part of the reconnaissance  
 11 before executing a search warrant, in your  
 12 experience, would there normally be any  
 13 effort to ascertain who lived in the other  
 14 parts of the shared residence?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 16 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: I would think  
 18 that's the detective's job.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Is that something you'd normally  
 21 rely on the detectives to do in your  
 22 experience or not?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 24 objection. Officer, you can answer.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal  
 4 knowledge if any detective in this situation  
 5 ascertained who lived on the first floor of  
 6 the property?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 8 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: I do not.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. In your experience, before a search  
 12 warrant or an arrest warrant is executed in a  
 13 shared residence in the City of Philadelphia,  
 14 would it be normal to contact the property  
 15 owner to ascertain where people lived and who  
 16 lived there?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 18 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: Again, I think  
 20 that's the responsibility of the  
 21 detective.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Is that something in your personal  
 24 experience you would normally expect the

1 detective to do?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 3 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Looking at Exhibit-1, if you could have  
 7 heard a dog barking on the other side of that  
 8 door, would that have given you any insight  
 9 as to whether or not that was an occupied  
 10 space or a hallway?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 12 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: The dog  
 14 barking in the residence doesn't  
 15 mean that someone is inside.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. I'm not asking if the resident was  
 18 home, but would it indicate that it was an  
 19 occupied space?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 21 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. If  
 23 there's a dog barking then I would  
 24 think that commonsense says that

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1 it's occupied, yes.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Based on the policies and procedures of  
4 the Philadelphia Police Department, to the  
5 best of your knowledge based on your  
6 training, if the only way to access the  
7 second floor apartment was to go through  
8 someone else's residence in the first floor,  
9 would you have been authorized to go through  
10 the other person's residence?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
12 form. Officer, you can answer if  
13 you can.

14 THE WITNESS: That will be a  
15 call for the supervisor.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. And who would be the supervisor in this  
18 situation?

19 A. Lt. Monk.

20 Q. Okay. Had you ever received any sort  
21 of training from the Philadelphia Police  
22 Department that told you that you should  
23 never under any circumstances enter the  
24 residence of a person for whom you did not

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1 read back the last question?

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3 (Whereupon, the reporter  
4 read back the last question posed.)

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6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
7 objection.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Let me rephrase the question. Based on  
10 your training under the policies and  
11 procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
12 Department, if there was a building that had  
13 a first floor apartment and a second floor  
14 apartment and you were attempting to execute  
15 a warrant only for the second floor  
16 apartment, under any circumstances would you  
17 be allowed to enter the residence of the  
18 first floor apartment?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form. Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: So if it was  
22 only for the second floor only, I  
23 will say that if it's legally  
24 sectioned off and there's hallways,

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1 have a warrant?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
3 form. Officer, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: We only served  
5 the warrants where the warrant is  
6 specified to be at.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Right. So, for example, if you have a  
9 building where there is a first floor  
10 apartment and a second floor apartment and  
11 your warrant is only valid for the second  
12 floor, would you be allowed under the  
13 Philadelphia policies and procedures under  
14 the best of your knowledge, under any  
15 circumstances to enter the residence of the  
16 first floor apartment occupant?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form. Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: If it's only  
20 for the second floor? Repeat the  
21 question.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Absolutely.

24 MR. WEST: Are you able to

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1 then you go through a common door.  
2 Now, there are plenty of apartments  
3 in the City that they have, it's  
4 like a rooming house and they have  
5 rooms that are sectioned off on the  
6 second floor and you go in through a  
7 common door. So that's the best  
8 answer that I can give you.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Right. But my question is, would you  
11 be allowed under any circumstances to enter  
12 the residence, the occupied space of the  
13 first floor apartment?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
15 form. Officer, you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: So you're  
17 saying if I had to go through the  
18 first floor apartment to get to the  
19 second floor apartment? Is that the  
20 question?

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. So I think that's a different question,  
23 but let me ask you that question. If you  
24 felt that you had to go through the first



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1 floor apartment to get to the second floor  
2 apartment and your warrant was only valid for  
3 the second floor apartment, would you be  
4 allowed to go through the first floor  
5 apartment?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
7 form. Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: I would say  
9 that it wouldn't be my decision, it  
10 would be a decision made by the  
11 supervisors.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. But do you know if the Philadelphia  
14 Police Department has any policy or procedure  
15 that would tell you the right answer in that  
16 situation?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form. Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: I can't tell  
20 you the answer to that.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. You don't know what the policy is,  
23 correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.

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1 place to go, then if there's no  
2 other access then how else do you  
3 get to the second floor?

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. If you believed that it was necessary  
6 to enter the apartment of a different person  
7 who was not identified on the warrant to  
8 enter a separate apartment belonging to the  
9 person who was on the warrant, would you  
10 believe that you were required to obtain a  
11 new warrant before entering the property or  
12 did you believe that you were allowed to  
13 enter the property of the person who was not  
14 identified on the warrant?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
16 form. Officer, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: So do we think  
18 we need another warrant? I don't  
19 know, I can't tell you.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. Now, you're not sure what the  
22 Philadelphia Police Department policy and  
23 procedure on that issue would be?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. If you went to a property that  
4 had a first floor apartment and a second  
5 floor apartment and you knew that the warrant  
6 was only valid for the second floor apartment  
7 and your supervisor told you to enter the  
8 first floor apartment, would you do it?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
10 form.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Why not?

14 A. Because the warrant is only for the  
15 second floor.

16 Q. But I thought you said a moment ago  
17 that it's a call that would be made by the  
18 supervisor?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form.

21 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't  
22 break in the door, but if it was  
23 common space that you had to, if you  
24 opened the door and that's the only

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1 objection.

2 THE WITNESS: Correct.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. All right, sir, so after the door was  
5 breached, what happened next to your best  
6 recollection?

7 A. The door was breached and I entered the  
8 property.

9 Q. And then what happened?

10 A. And then the dog came toward me and bit  
11 me in the ankle area.

12 Q. Okay. Did the dog bite you right away  
13 or did anything happen first?

14 A. The dog bit me like pretty right away,  
15 yes.

16 Q. Okay. And where did the dog bite you  
17 exactly?

18 A. The ankle area.

19 Q. Which ankle?

20 A. I don't remember.

21 Q. You don't recall. Did you receive any  
22 medical attention?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did the dog bite rip your pants?



1 A. No.  
 2 Q. Did the dog bite rip your socks?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. Did the dog bite break your skin?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. Is there any physical evidence of a dog  
 7 bite to the best of your knowledge?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 9 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: No.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. If you enter a residence and there's a  
 13 dog in the residence, in your experience, is  
 14 it normal for many dogs to respond after a  
 15 door is breached?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 17 form.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. And in your experience, what would be  
 21 normal ways for a dog to respond if the door  
 22 is suddenly breached?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 24 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

1 THE WITNESS: They either  
 2 run or they bark at you.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. And if the dog is running, is it  
 5 normal for the dog to run towards the person  
 6 who had just broken into their house?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 8 objection.  
 9 THE WITNESS: No. They run  
 10 away.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. When the door to Ms. Alvarado's  
 13 home was breached, did the dog run?  
 14 A. It was -- I believe it was running  
 15 toward me.  
 16 Q. Okay. Do you know if it actually ran  
 17 toward you or you don't recall?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 19 form.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I don't  
 21 recall.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Is it possible the dog was already  
 24 right near the door when the door was

1 breached?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: It could be.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Do you believe the dog may have been  
 7 frightened because somebody had just broken  
 8 into the house?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 10 form.  
 11 THE WITNESS: I have no clue  
 12 what the dog was feeling.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Had you ever received any training from  
 15 the Philadelphia Police Department that a dog  
 16 might be frightened if someone broke into its  
 17 house?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 19 form.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Prior to the front door of Ms.  
 23 Alvarado's house being breached, did you,  
 24 yourself, have any concern that her dog might

1 be frightened?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 3 form.  
 4 THE WITNESS: The dog was  
 5 what? Afraid you said?  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Right. So before that door was  
 8 breached, did you have any concern that that  
 9 might frighten a dog inside?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 11 objection.  
 12 THE WITNESS: I don't recall  
 13 knowing there was a dog behind the  
 14 door or not.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. But if you had heard a dog  
 17 barking behind the door, would you be  
 18 concerned, oh, my gosh, if we bust down this  
 19 door and there's a dog right there barking,  
 20 that might frighten the dog?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 22 objection.  
 23 THE WITNESS: I have no clue  
 24 what the dog would be thinking.

1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But in just commonsense, in  
3 normal experience, if you have a front door  
4 and there's a dog barking and you smash the  
5 door, don't you think that might startle the  
6 dog?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
8 objection.

9 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
10 I can't tell you what the dog would  
11 think.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. And you never received any  
14 training from the Philadelphia Police  
15 Department about how to deal with that  
16 situation, correct?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form.

19 THE WITNESS: Correct.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Based on your training from the  
22 Philadelphia Police Department, do you  
23 believe that enough ample time was provided  
24 to Ms. Alvarado between the door being

1 objection.

2 THE WITNESS: There are  
3 exigent circumstances to jobs  
4 with warrants, so there are times  
5 that those are breached in less time  
6 than that.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Understood. But in this situation,  
9 were there any exigent circumstances,  
10 whatsoever, that you're aware of?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
12 form. Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: No, not that I  
14 can recall.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Did Lt. Monk give the order to breach  
17 the door?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
19 form. Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge as  
23 to why Lt. Monk ordered the door to be  
24 breached at the time that he ordered the door

1 knocked on, for her to answer the door before  
2 the door was breached?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
4 form. Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: I believe  
6 there was.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. And how much time do you believe was  
9 given?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
11 form.

12 THE WITNESS: Like I said  
13 before, 30 to 40 seconds at the  
14 least.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Okay. That would be your expectation,  
17 correct?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
19 objection.

20 THE WITNESS: Correct.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. And less than that would be not enough  
23 time, correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same

1 to be breached?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: He gives the  
5 command to breach the door whenever  
6 he thinks the door needs to be  
7 breached. I can't testify why he  
8 told the person to breach the door.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. And to be clear, I'm not asking you to  
11 guess or speculate or read his mind, I'm just  
12 wondering maybe you had a conversation with  
13 him, he gave you an explanation, you read a  
14 report?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you receive any information as to  
17 why he thought it was necessary to breach the  
18 door at that time?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
20 form. Officer, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Did you say you were actually bit by  
24 the dog or the dog came towards you?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form.

3 THE WITNESS: I got bit by  
4 the dog.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Besides the dog bite, was there any  
7 other reason that you felt it necessary to  
8 fire your gun at the dog?

9 A. After the dog bit me he came back  
10 around and it looked like he was going to  
11 attempt to bite me again.

12 Q. Okay. How far away was the dog when  
13 you shot it?

14 A. Roughly, about two feet away.

15 Q. Okay. And how did you position the gun  
16 if you recall? Like what was the angle of  
17 the gun at the time you fired it?

18 A. Downward angle.

19 Q. Do you recall at any point seeing Ms.  
20 Alvarado on the date of the incident?

21 A. After the entry team passed me and was  
22 coming back toward the front of the property,  
23 that's the first time I seen Ms. Alvarado.

24 Q. Okay. Approximately, how long would

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1 partition led to?

2 A. I believe it was either the kitchen  
3 area or dining room area.

4 Q. Okay. And could you tell what Ms.  
5 Alvarado was doing back there?

6 A. I cannot.

7 Q. What was she wearing, if anything?

8 A. I cannot tell you what she was wearing.

9 Q. Do you have any recollection of if she  
10 was naked?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. Did you hear her say anything?

13 A. No.

14 Q. I'll represent to you that there's some  
15 statements in the police file that she claims  
16 to have asked for an opportunity to put her  
17 dog in its cage before being shot. Do you  
18 have any recollection if she may have said  
19 anything like that?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. Do you specifically recall that she did  
22 not do it or you don't remember one way or  
23 another?

24 A. I don't recall her saying anything.

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1 that have been after the door being breached?

2 A. The time I saw her? Is that what  
3 you're asking?

4 Q. Yeah. I'm asking, say the door is  
5 breached, take that as zero hour, right, 0.0,  
6 how long after that time was it that you  
7 first saw Ms. Alvarado?

8 A. Like approximately, a minute or so.  
9 Under a minute.

10 Q. Okay. And during that period of under  
11 a minute, do you know physically where Ms.  
12 Alvarado was?

13 A. During the entry time?

14 Q. Right. So the door is breached, less  
15 than a minute passes, then you see Ms.  
16 Alvarado, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. But in that period of time between the  
19 door being breached until you saw Ms.  
20 Alvarado, do you know where she was?

21 A. When the team was coming back toward  
22 the front of the property I believe she was  
23 behind the partition in front of me.

24 Q. Okay. And could you see where that

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1 Q. Okay. So after the minute or so passes  
2 and you see Ms. Alvarado near the partition,  
3 did you hear her say anything after that?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you have any conversation with her?

6 A. No.

7 Q. At any point ever, have you ever  
8 personally heard Ms. Alvarado say anything  
9 that you can recall?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you see if any officer pointed a  
12 gun at Ms. Alvarado?

13 A. I did not.

14 Q. Do you specifically recall that no one  
15 did or you just can't remember whether or not  
16 someone did or didn't?

17 A. I don't know whether anyone did or did  
18 not.

19 Q. Okay. Have you ever been disciplined  
20 since joining the Philadelphia Police  
21 Department for any reason?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form, but, Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: No, I don't

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1 think so.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Have you ever been suspended for any  
 4 reason?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 6 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. All right. I know we kind of got into  
 10 this before, but I don't think I closed the  
 11 book on it. As far as in your experience how  
 12 the SWAT team would normally operate back in  
 13 June, 2021, what was the role of the point  
 14 man, if any?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 16 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 17 THE WITNESS: The role of  
 18 the first person is going into the  
 19 door first.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. And then do what?  
 22 A. And then you clear the room.  
 23 Q. Okay. When you say clear the property,  
 24 what does that mean?

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1 A. You clear the property of any dangers  
 2 that's in the property.  
 3 Q. In your opinion, was Ms. Alvarado's dog  
 4 a danger on the property?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 6 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: What kind of  
 8 danger are you talking about?  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Sir, I'm just using the word you used.  
 11 When you said dangers on the property,  
 12 whatever you meant by that, would that have  
 13 included Ms. Alvarado's dog?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
 15 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Well, the dog  
 17 bit me, so...  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Sorry, sir, is that a yes or a no?  
 20 A. The dog bit me. Was the dog a danger?  
 21 The dog was a danger to me, yes.  
 22 Q. Okay. Were there any other dangers in  
 23 Ms. Alvarado's residence that you had to  
 24 clear that day?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 2 form.  
 3 THE WITNESS: As far as I  
 4 know, no.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. To your knowledge, did the Philadelphia  
 7 Police Department have any reason to enter  
 8 Ms. Alvarado's home on the date of the  
 9 incident?  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 11 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: We were there  
 13 to serve the warrant on the homicide  
 14 suspect.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. Was there any other  
 17 circumstances, such as was there any  
 18 reasonable suspicion, did she commit a crime,  
 19 was she threatening anyone? Was there any  
 20 other basis to your knowledge to enter her  
 21 property?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 23 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: No.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. And when this particular warrant was  
 3 executed, were there any exigent  
 4 circumstances or unusual circumstances,  
 5 whatsoever, that you're aware of that  
 6 required the warrant to be executed in an  
 7 unusual manner?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 9 form, but, Officer, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: No.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. On the date when the warrant was  
 13 executed, do you recall what time your shift  
 14 started?  
 15 A. 11 p.m. the day before.  
 16 Q. And how long would your shift normally  
 17 last?  
 18 A. Eight hours and fifteen minutes.  
 19 Q. Okay. So this warrant was executed  
 20 then at the end of your shift; is that  
 21 correct?  
 22 A. Correct.  
 23 Q. So if it had taken longer to execute  
 24 the warrant than it did, that would have

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 required you to stay on overtime, correct?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>5 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6 Q. Do you believe that may have been any</p> <p>7 motivation to try to get the job done</p> <p>8 quickly?</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>10 form.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. All right, sir, so I know that you</p> <p>14 previously testified that you believed that</p> <p>15 there was likely a hallway on the other side</p> <p>16 of the front door, correct?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>18 form.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. To your knowledge, was any effort made</p> <p>22 by anyone with the Philadelphia Police</p> <p>23 Department to try to determine if the room</p> <p>24 behind that front door was a common hallway</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 something that would normally be done?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form, but, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Well, I would</p> <p>5 say with the warrants that we do,</p> <p>6 that if it's a split, second floor,</p> <p>7 first floor, the common door is a</p> <p>8 door you enter to get to the second</p> <p>9 floor.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. I understand. But in your experience</p> <p>12 with the SWAT team now for a number of years,</p> <p>13 is it your experience that a door of this</p> <p>14 type would normally be breached without a</p> <p>15 determination first being made whether or not</p> <p>16 the room on the other side of the door was a</p> <p>17 common area or a private residence?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>19 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Well, I think</p> <p>21 the two mailboxes showed that that</p> <p>22 would be the main entrance for the</p> <p>23 first floor and the second floor.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 or an individually occupied apartment?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>3 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>5 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>6 Q. To your knowledge, no effort was made</p> <p>7 to make that determination, correct?</p> <p>8 A. Correct.</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>10 objection.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. And based on your understanding of the</p> <p>13 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia</p> <p>14 Police Department, who, if anyone, would have</p> <p>15 had the responsibility of making that sort of</p> <p>16 determination?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to</p> <p>18 form. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I have no</p> <p>20 clue.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Sir, it fair to say that in your</p> <p>23 experience with the Philadelphia SWAT team,</p> <p>24 making that sort of determination is not</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 Q. All right. If you can just answer the</p> <p>2 question I asked.</p> <p>3 MR. WEST: Can you read back</p> <p>4 the last question?</p> <p>5 - - -</p> <p>6 (Whereupon, the reporter</p> <p>7 read back the last question posed.)</p> <p>8 - - -</p> <p>9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>10 objection.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. If you can just answer that specific</p> <p>13 question?</p> <p>14 A. To determine if it's a common area or</p> <p>15 not. I believe it's not an easy question to</p> <p>16 answer. Can you read it back to me again?</p> <p>17 - - -</p> <p>18 (Whereupon, the reporter</p> <p>19 read back the last question posed.)</p> <p>20 - - -</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same</p> <p>22 objection. Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: The answer is</p> <p>24 that there's no way you can know</p>



1 that if it's going into a common  
2 area or going into a hallway.  
3 BY MR. WEST:  
4 Q. Okay. And in your experience on the  
5 Philadelphia Police Department, was there  
6 normally any sort of process and procedure in  
7 place to try to make that determination?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
9 objection. Officer, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: I would say  
11 through the experience of all the  
12 warrants, I would say almost all the  
13 time that door is the door for a  
14 split for one to go up to the second  
15 floor and one going to the first  
16 floor.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. So is it your experience with  
19 the Philadelphia Police Department that the  
20 presumption is that you can always enter  
21 through a door on the first floor?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
23 form. Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: There are -- I

1 form. Officer, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Well, I can't  
3 say that every time, but in my  
4 experience, every time that I've  
5 done a warrant that's if there's no  
6 other access if you breach that door  
7 it's a split to the best of my  
8 knowledge.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Now, you're aware now that there  
11 actually was a rear door to Ms. Alvarado's  
12 house, correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
14 the form.

15 THE WITNESS: Correct.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. So if you knew that there was a door  
18 that led to the first floor and that the  
19 warrant was only for the second floor rear  
20 and you knew that there was a rear entrance,  
21 if you had known all of that, would that have  
22 been enough to lead you to believe that you  
23 legally were not allowed to go through the  
24 front door?

1 will say there are properties that  
2 has two front doors and obviously,  
3 one door is clearly marked saying  
4 that this is the second floor then  
5 we obviously go through that door,  
6 but in this instance there's one  
7 door and it seemed like it was the  
8 only common door to go into the  
9 property. So do you want to ask the  
10 same question? I think that's the  
11 best way I can answer it.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. Sir, I believe you testified a  
14 moment ago that when you see a door like  
15 this, your expectation is that 90 percent of  
16 the time normally it's a common area, right?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. And, of course, if you say it's  
22 normally or 90 percent a common area, that  
23 means sometimes it's not, right?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to

1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form. Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Well, all  
4 houses have back doors, it's not  
5 saying that just because it's a back  
6 door it's going to lead to the  
7 second floor, it could have led to  
8 the back of the property of the  
9 first floor.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. All right. Based on all that we just  
12 described, the fact that the warrant was for  
13 the second floor rear, the fact that there  
14 was a rear entrance, and the fact that the  
15 warrant was not for the first floor, taking  
16 all those factors into consideration that  
17 you're aware of now, would that have been  
18 enough to let you know on the date of the  
19 incident that if you breached the first floor  
20 door there was at least a possibility that  
21 you would be entering the apartment of a  
22 different person who was not identified on  
23 the warrant who lived on the first floor  
24 apartment?



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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
2 form. Officer, you can answer.  
3 THE WITNESS: I will still  
4 think that all houses have front  
5 doors and back doors, right, I  
6 will still think that if there's two  
7 mailboxes on the property and  
8 there's one door in the front, I  
9 would think that door would lead to  
10 the first floor and a hallway to  
11 take me up to the second floor.  
12 BY MR. WEST:  
13 Q. And what would your confidence level  
14 be, on a scale of one to ten, how confident  
15 would you be that that first floor door  
16 didn't lead to a first floor apartment?  
17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
18 form. Officer, you can answer if  
19 you can.  
20 THE WITNESS: If I was  
21 running the job, I would say it  
22 would be ten, that would be the door  
23 that you would go into.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. So you would say a ten out of ten a  
2 zero percent chance that the door on the  
3 first floor leads to the first floor  
4 apartment?  
5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
6 objection.  
7 THE WITNESS: Nothing is a  
8 hundred percent, but if it was my  
9 decision, that would have been the  
10 door that I went into.  
11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. And not the rear door?  
13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
14 objection.  
15 THE WITNESS: Every house  
16 has two doors, there's a door in the  
17 back and there's a door in the  
18 front.  
19 BY MR. WEST:  
20 Q. I understand, but why wouldn't you have  
21 entered the rear door?  
22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same  
23 objection. Officer, you can answer.  
24 THE WITNESS: I would think

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1 that, as everybody else would think,  
2 that the rear door would enter the  
3 rear of the property of the first  
4 floor.  
5 BY MR. WEST:  
6 Q. Okay. So do you believe that there  
7 would have been any need in this situation to  
8 maybe contact the property manager to try to  
9 make sure that you're actually going into the  
10 right apartment?  
11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
12 form. Officer, you can answer.  
13 THE WITNESS: That's beyond  
14 my responsibility.  
15 BY MR. WEST:  
16 Q. Okay. And did you ever receive any  
17 training from the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department under what circumstances that kind  
19 of investigation should be made?  
20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
21 form.  
22 THE WITNESS: What kind of  
23 investigation are you talking about?  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. Sure. Did you ever receive any  
2 training from the Philadelphia Police  
3 Department with regards to how to execute a  
4 search warrant?  
5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. Okay.  
7 MR. WEST: I'd like to mark  
8 this document as Song-2.  
9 - - -  
10 (Whereupon, Song-2 was  
11 marked for identification.)  
12 - - -  
13 BY MR. WEST:  
14 Q. I only have one printed copy, but can  
15 you recognize it, it's Bates stamped? All  
16 right. So, sir, I'd ask for you to review  
17 that document real quick and then once you  
18 had a chance to look it over briefly I'm  
19 going to ask you some questions about it. So  
20 these are Bates stamped as D000235 to 242.  
21 And actually, it's just because these are  
22 printed on two sides -- you know what, I'm  
23 going to take this page out. So Exhibit 2 is  
24 going to be 235 to 240. Sir, so as you're

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1 looking at that my question is going to be,  
2 have you ever seen that document before that  
3 you can recall? You've had a couple minutes  
4 to review the document now, sir, do you  
5 recall if you've ever seen it before?

6 A. I have not finished reading it.

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yeah, take

8 as much time as you need, Officer.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. All right. Sir, so I think my prior  
11 question was, have you ever seen that  
12 document before?

13 A. I believe it's the directive of the  
14 Philadelphia Police Department.

15 Q. Right. And it says that right on the  
16 document, right? But what I'm asking you is,  
17 prior to being shown it today, have you ever  
18 seen that specific document before?

19 A. This document, no.

20 Q. Do you know whether or not the  
21 Philadelphia Police Department has a  
22 directive regarding how search warrants  
23 should be executed?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to

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1 Q. Okay. The same day as the shooting?

2 A. I believe it was the same day, yes.

3 Q. Okay. And did you give any other  
4 interviews related to this? Like were you  
5 interviewed by any detectives outside of  
6 Internal Affairs, did you write anything up  
7 in the police report?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
9 form, but, Officer, you can answer  
10 if you can.

11 THE WITNESS: I believe it  
12 was only Internal Affairs.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. And how long was that interview  
15 approximately?

16 A. About an hour maybe.

17 Q. Do you recall if anybody was present to  
18 record that interview?

19 A. I do not recall.

20 Q. And who interviewed you?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. Sir, so I'm going to read from, for the  
23 record this is a document that's been Bates  
24 stamped by the defense as D000162, that's

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1 form, but, Officer, you can answer  
2 if you can.

3 THE WITNESS: I believe  
4 there is a directive.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Have you ever personally read it?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
8 form but, Officer, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: I believe I  
10 have.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. And when did you read that?

13 A. I do not recall.

14 Q. Do you have any specific recollection  
15 of having read any such document?

16 A. I have read it, yes.

17 Q. All right. So, sir, I believe you  
18 testified earlier that you did give an  
19 interview to the Internal Affairs after this  
20 incident?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Can you tell me about when did that  
23 take place?

24 A. The same day.

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1 from directive 5.7 of the Philadelphia Police  
2 Department that has been produced to us by  
3 the defense, and it says, knock and announce  
4 rule. The purpose of the knock and announce  
5 rule is to prevent violence and physical  
6 injury to police and occupants, to protect an  
7 occupant's expectation of privacy, to prevent  
8 property damage resulting from entry, and to  
9 give the occupants an opportunity to  
10 surrender the premises. Have you ever read  
11 anything like that before?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
13 form. Officer, you can answer if  
14 you can.

15 THE WITNESS: Not that I  
16 recall, no.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Okay. In your opinion, having, you  
19 know, whatever training you've received from  
20 the Philadelphia Police Department and the  
21 fact that you were there, do you believe that  
22 Ms. Alvarado was given an opportunity to  
23 surrender the premises before her front door  
24 was breached?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 2 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. And what was that opportunity?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 7 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: During the  
 9 knock and announce.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. And was she given any other  
 12 opportunity besides the knock and announce?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 14 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 15 THE WITNESS: In what way  
 16 are you talking about?  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Well, I'm just trying to see. So it  
 19 says that she's supposed to get an  
 20 opportunity to surrender the premises, right?  
 21 So I'm trying to determine all opportunities  
 22 that were afforded to her based on your  
 23 personal knowledge. And I think you said  
 24 that there was a knock before the door was

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1 breached, correct?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. All right. Now, I don't want to miss  
 4 anything. Was there any other opportunity  
 5 given to her to surrender the premises?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 7 form.  
 8 THE WITNESS: No.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. So if this should turn out to be  
 11 shown by video surveillance that there was  
 12 only like two seconds that passed between the  
 13 officers getting to the door and the door  
 14 being breached, would it be fair to say that  
 15 she was not given any opportunity to  
 16 surrender the premises; is that fair?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 18 form.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Is that fair?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 22 form. Officer, you can answer.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Repeat the  
 24 question.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Right. So if only two seconds passed  
 3 between the knock and the door being  
 4 breached, would it be fair to say that she  
 5 was not given an opportunity to surrender the  
 6 premises?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to  
 8 form.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 10 MR. WEST: Okay. I have no  
 11 further questions.  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: A quick  
 13 follow-up.  
 14 - - -  
 15 EXAMINATION  
 16 - - -  
 17 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 18 Q. Officer, I want to direct your  
 19 attention back to what's been previously  
 20 marked Song-1. That's that picture there.  
 21 If you would take a look at that. Officer,  
 22 you testified earlier, I believe, that it was  
 23 the third building from the right that you  
 24 believe is the building in question; is that

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1 correct, sir?  
 2 A. Correct.  
 3 Q. Can you see from the picture that we're  
 4 looking at here the front door to that  
 5 property?  
 6 A. No.  
 7 Q. Do you recall what was on that front  
 8 door, if anything?  
 9 A. The address.  
 10 Q. How did it read, sir, if you can  
 11 recall?  
 12 A. I believe it read 4664.  
 13 Q. Do you recall any other markings that  
 14 would indicate that it was for the first  
 15 floor apartment?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's all  
 18 I have.  
 19 MR. WEST: Okay. Sir, I  
 20 wish we would have meant under other  
 21 circumstances. Thank you very much  
 22 for your time.  
 23 THE WITNESS: Thank you.  
 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Finishing

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1 the record at 11:34 a.m.

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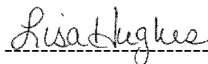
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4 deposition concluded at 11:34 a.m.)

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6 and evidence noted are contained fully and  
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8 me in the foregoing matter, and that this is  
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Transcript of the Testimony of:  
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1 Q. Good morning --  
 2 A. Good morning.  
 3 Q. -- Officer -- it's officer, right?  
 4 A. Yeah. Officer Burkitt. You can call me  
 5 Josh, Officer Burkitt, whatever.  
 6 Q. That's okay. If you don't mind, I will  
 7 call you Officer Burkitt.  
 8 A. It's okay with me.  
 9 Q. All right. And you're a member of the  
 10 SWAT team, right?  
 11 A. Yes, sir.  
 12 Q. In the City of Philadelphia. All right.  
 13 Have you ever been in a deposition before?  
 14 A. Negative. No.  
 15 Q. That's fine. So just quickly I will go  
 16 over -- kind of explain the process to you. Your  
 17 attorney might have done so as well. But your  
 18 only obligation today is to give truthful  
 19 testimony based on what you personally know. So  
 20 please answer the question you're asked truthfully  
 21 to the best of your ability. But we are not  
 22 asking you at any time to guess or speculate,  
 23 okay?  
 24 A. Okay.

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1 Q. Like this is not the equivalent to like  
 2 multiple -- multiple option test where you are  
 3 supposed to answer every question. Just let us  
 4 know what you do and do not know, okay?  
 5 A. All right.  
 6 Q. We do want to know everything you know,  
 7 though. So if you are able to give an estimation  
 8 or approximation, please, you know, give us your  
 9 best estimate or approximation, if you have  
 10 partial knowledge of something. Just let us know  
 11 that you're giving an estimate or approximation,  
 12 okay?  
 13 A. Okay.  
 14 Q. You're already following the format  
 15 perfectly. But just to make sure you understand,  
 16 this is similar to a conversation in a lot of  
 17 ways. But we do have a court reporter here. She  
 18 has to write down everything that we say. So we  
 19 have to be careful not to speak at the same time.  
 20 And hand gestures, you know, that kind of thing  
 21 that normally helps in a conversation, that won't  
 22 go on the written record. So we have to be sure  
 23 that all of our responses are spoken, okay?  
 24 A. Okay.

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1 Q. That's it. This is not intended to be an  
 2 unnecessarily uncomfortable process. If you want  
 3 to take a break at any time, you want some water,  
 4 coffee, whatever, just let us know. We will try  
 5 to be as accommodating as possible, okay?  
 6 A. All right.  
 7 Q. And similarly, you know, the questions  
 8 are -- I'm going to ask them to the best of my  
 9 ability in the hope that you understand them.  
 10 So if I ask you a question that you don't  
 11 understand for any reason, you know, please don't  
 12 answer it. Just let me know that you would like  
 13 me to rephrase the question, speak louder,  
 14 quieter, rephrase the question, whatever, okay?  
 15 A. Uh-huh.  
 16 Q. I will be glad to reanswer any question  
 17 if you have any trouble understanding it, okay?  
 18 A. Okay.  
 19 Q. I will try to be considerate of your  
 20 time, because I know you've got a lot going on.  
 21 So you were on duty earlier today; is that  
 22 correct?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. What time did your shift start?

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1 A. My shift started at 11:00 p.m.  
 2 Q. Okay. And how long do the shifts you  
 3 normally work on, how long are they?  
 4 A. They vary. But no less than eight hours.  
 5 Q. Okay. And right now you're coming up  
 6 towards 12 hours, right?  
 7 A. Coming up towards what?  
 8 Q. It's almost 11:00 a.m., so you're almost  
 9 at 12 hours, right?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Okay. How long have you been on the  
 12 night shift, if that is what you call it?  
 13 A. I have been there since I got to SWAT, so  
 14 about four years now.  
 15 Q. Okay. And when did you begin on the --  
 16 you said about four hours. Can you remember more  
 17 precisely when you joined the SWAT unit?  
 18 A. I went to the SWAT unit I believe it  
 19 was -- I want to say January, February of 2020.  
 20 Q. Okay. What was your job prior to that?  
 21 A. I was 24th District patrol.  
 22 Q. And how long were you a patrol officer?  
 23 A. I was patrol for two years.  
 24 Q. And what did you do before that?

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1 A. Before I was in patrol --  
 2 Q. Uh-huh.  
 3 A. -- as a police officer? I worked down in  
 4 Kensington at a sheet fabricator shop.  
 5 Q. Okay.  
 6 A. Sheet metal fabrication.  
 7 Q. So you -- just to make sure I understand  
 8 correctly. Do you think that it was approximately  
 9 2018 when you first joined the Philadelphia Police  
 10 Department and that was your first job as a police  
 11 officer; is that right?  
 12 A. I got hired in 2017. I went to the  
 13 academy in 2017.  
 14 Q. And that is the Philadelphia Police  
 15 Academy, correct?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Okay. All right. So our incident  
 18 occurred July -- June 4th, 2021 at a property with  
 19 the address of 4664 Torresdale Avenue. I just  
 20 saw, because we are sitting here in the same room,  
 21 that prior to today's deposition, immediately  
 22 before, it looked like you read a statement that  
 23 you had given previously; is that correct?  
 24 A. Correct.

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1 Q. Have you reviewed any other documents,  
 2 pictures, video, anything else to prepare for  
 3 today's testimony?  
 4 A. No.  
 5 Q. Okay. I will mark as Burkitt-1 a  
 6 document I believe is the record of your  
 7 interview.  
 8 - - -  
 9 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-1 was  
 10 marked for identification.)  
 11 - - -  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. All right. So if you can just review  
 14 this real quick, does the document -- except for  
 15 the highlighting, is the document that I have  
 16 marked the same as the document that you reviewed?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. Okay. And I believe this document says  
 19 that you did not actually witness the dog getting  
 20 shot; is that correct?  
 21 A. Correct.  
 22 Q. And I actually highlighted -- from my own  
 23 purposes, I highlighted part of it. It's my own  
 24 highlighting.

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1 But it says, "At that time I could hear a  
 2 large dog barking from inside. The breacher was  
 3 given the order to initiate forcible entry into  
 4 the location." So is that consistent with your  
 5 recollection that you could hear the dog barking  
 6 from inside the property prior to entry?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. Okay. Having a chance to review  
 9 Burkitt-1, is there anything in there that you  
 10 look at it now and you think that that is not  
 11 accurate?  
 12 A. It seems accurate.  
 13 Q. Okay. Prior to June 4th, 2021, had you  
 14 ever done any reconnaissance for the SWAT unit?  
 15 A. I have reconned jobs, yes.  
 16 Q. When did you first start -- when did you  
 17 do your first recon job as part of the SWAT unit?  
 18 A. During training you have to go out and do  
 19 like a mock-up, recon a property.  
 20 Q. Okay. So as part of the training that  
 21 you received when you first were joining the SWAT  
 22 unit, I guess before you were officially part of  
 23 the SWAT unit, part of that training was how to do  
 24 reconnaissance, correct?

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1 A. Correct.  
 2 Q. All right. Did you -- and you have done  
 3 reconnaissance as part of the SWAT unit ever  
 4 since; is that correct?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Okay. Do you have an estimate or  
 7 approximation of how many recon jobs you have  
 8 done?  
 9 A. I couldn't tell you. I couldn't say.  
 10 Q. Dozens or more?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Okay. Did you take -- did you play any  
 13 role in the recon of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 14 property?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. All right. If you were -- strike the  
 17 question.  
 18 You were part of the entry team that  
 19 breached the front door of the 4664 Torresdale  
 20 property, correct?  
 21 A. I was part of the entry team that went  
 22 in. I had nothing to do with breaching.  
 23 Q. Okay. Physically, if you recall, how far  
 24 were you behind the breaching team? So my --

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1 strike the question.  
2 My understanding is that the breaching  
3 team was two officers. One who had a ram and one  
4 who had a -- what do you guys call that, the  
5 Handlin tool or something?

6 A. Halligan.

7 Q. Halligan. So the breaching team was the  
8 officer who had the ram and the officer who had  
9 the Halligan tool, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. How far behind them were you?

12 A. Maybe -- I couldn't really give you an  
13 accurate -- maybe a car length away from them I  
14 was, stacked up on the wall outside the house.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. So I was some distance from them. I  
17 believe I was the -- I was on the second entry  
18 team. And I was the second guy on that team. And  
19 I believe I was some distance away.

20 Q. But prior to the dog getting shot, you  
21 were one of the officers that had actually entered  
22 the building, correct?

23 A. Correct. Yes.

24 Q. It might sound like a basic question, but

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1 Officer, if you know.

2 THE WITNESS: All I know is it  
3 has -- that is supervisor, going over the  
4 warrant. That is what the supervisor does.  
5 I have nothing to do with that. So I'm not  
6 exactly sure what the warrant entails. I  
7 know that it has to have specific things on  
8 it such as an address. But I don't know if  
9 it has to have a physical description of the  
10 property. We -- that's all I know.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. So when you do reconnaissance jobs  
13 as part of the SWAT unit, is that in order to  
14 figure out how to enter a property that is  
15 described in a warrant?

16 A. So yeah. It's the best and safest way to  
17 not only make entry, but to approach a property.

18 Q. Okay. And in order to do that as part of  
19 the reconnaissance, you have to look at the  
20 warrant and figure out where the SWAT unit is  
21 supposed to go, correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 But Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Right. A supervisor

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1 why did you go into the property?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
3 But Officer, if you can.

4 THE WITNESS: I believe we were  
5 serving a warrant at location, a homicide  
6 warrant.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Okay. Had you ever seen the warrant --  
9 strike the question.

10 Have you ever seen a warrant for that --

11 A. Did I physically look at that warrant?

12 Q. Uh-huh.

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you know what the warrant actually  
15 said?

16 A. Like as in terms of a description of the  
17 property or a description of the location as to  
18 why we were hitting it? No, I didn't look at the  
19 warrant.

20 Q. Okay. So when you're enforcing a  
21 warrant, it would usually give a physical  
22 description, like an address, of the property that  
23 you're allowed to enter, correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 will observe the warrant. And so my job in  
2 terms of reconning a job, the supervisor, he  
3 reads the warrant. And I pull the job on  
4 the computer, we verify the location on the  
5 computer, the addresses on the computer and  
6 then with what is on the warrant. And then  
7 someone -- and particularly two officers and  
8 a supervisor have to go out and look at the  
9 location themselves.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. Have you ever done reconnaissance  
12 on a warrant for an apartment? So to explain, the  
13 warrant specifies entry into a certain apartment  
14 in a building, multi-residence building.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And so as part of that reconnaissance, is  
17 it your understanding that the SWAT unit has to  
18 figure out how to enter that specific apartment  
19 unit without entering anyone else's property,  
20 since the other properties are not part of the  
21 warrant?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer, if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: So I am trying to

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1 think. When we are doing a recon for a  
2 property like that, typically we try and  
3 gather as much information as we can from  
4 detectives and what we can gather on-line.

5 But sometimes it will be word of  
6 mouth whether it's an apartment or not.  
7 Like a lot of these homes are not even  
8 supposed to be apartments. And they will  
9 have them labeled as apartments. We do the  
10 best that we can to obviously figure that  
11 out before we make entry and go only where  
12 we are supposed to go.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. All right. As part of your employment  
15 with the Philadelphia Police Department, have you  
16 ever received any training as far as how to  
17 enforce a warrant at a multi-residence property?

18 A. I would say so, yes.

19 Q. Okay. Have you ever received any  
20 training as part of your employment with the  
21 Philadelphia Police Department as to how to read a  
22 warrant?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

24 But Officer, you can answer if you can.

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1 A. I believe it was a homicide warrant.

2 Q. Okay. I will mark the search warrant as  
3 Burkitt-2. And I will highlight for you the  
4 address line.

5 - - -

6 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-2 was  
7 marked for identification.)

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9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. All right. Sir, just looking at the  
11 search warrant for this job. You can see it says  
12 second floor rear, correct?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. If you were doing the reconnaissance for  
15 this job and you knew that [REDACTED], the  
16 suspect, lived, according to the warrant, on the  
17 second floor rear apartment, and you knew that  
18 [REDACTED] was on probation, would you contact  
19 his probation officer to try to get some guidance  
20 as far as how to get to the second floor rear  
21 apartment?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
23 Officer, you can answer, if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: That is something that

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1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I know -- I know like what a warrant is  
5 supposed to entail, but I haven't had any formal  
6 training on reading a warrant. Like I said, that  
7 is first supervisor.

8 Q. All right. Prior to entering the  
9 property at 4664 Torresdale Avenue, did you know  
10 if the warrant specified that entry was supposed  
11 to be in any particular apartment?

12 A. I can't recall.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I'd have to look at it.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. I don't have it specified here, I don't  
17 think, on this paperwork, so I don't really  
18 remember.

19 Q. Let's see. Do you recall the name of the  
20 suspect that you guys were trying to get?

21 A. No, I don't recall.

22 Q. Okay. I can represent to you his name is  
23 [REDACTED] Do you recall what he was suspected  
24 of?

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1 the detectives would handle. We have no  
2 contact with parole or anything like that.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. So as part of the reconnaissance,  
5 you wouldn't contact anyone?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
7 But Officer, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Like I said, I am just  
9 a patrol officer in SWAT. I don't know what  
10 fully entails a supervisor. But I've never  
11 seen that done. And I don't believe that we  
12 do that. The detectives would handle  
13 something like that, contacting parole.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. That's fine. So what -- just normally in  
16 your role in the recon, what would you do?

17 A. What would I do?

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. So if I was reconning a property or a  
20 job, I would pull as much information as I could  
21 up of the property on the computer, pictures of  
22 the property. And then I would make a sheet up, a  
23 physical description of the property, how many  
24 stories it was, where the windows are, how best to

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 approach it. And then after I had done all of</p> <p>2 that I would go out and look at the property, put</p> <p>3 eyes on it.</p> <p>4 Q. And what would be the name of the</p> <p>5 document that you would create, if that makes</p> <p>6 sense?</p> <p>7 A. It would be called a recon sheet.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. So I have a document here that's</p> <p>9 been previously marked as Exhibit 3.</p> <p>10 Unfortunately, I don't recall off the top of my</p> <p>11 head which deposition this was for. But any case,</p> <p>12 it's also Bates stamped as defense 72 and 73. We</p> <p>13 will mark this as Burkitt-3. I think this was</p> <p>14 from Saba's deposition.</p> <p>15 - - -</p> <p>16 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-3 was</p> <p>17 marked for identification.)</p> <p>18 - - -</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. Officer Burkitt, if you could just look</p> <p>21 at that document real quick and let me know if you</p> <p>22 recognize what it is.</p> <p>23 A. Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. What is that?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: No. There's typically</p> <p>2 more information here.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. This is -- this will be on the back of</p> <p>6 this and there's a picture of the property, a map,</p> <p>7 how to get to the property. And so a couple more</p> <p>8 bits.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. All right. Would you normally --</p> <p>10 would you normally look at Google Maps to see if</p> <p>11 you could find a picture of the property?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And I will mark this as Burkitt-4.</p> <p>14 - - -</p> <p>15 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-4 was</p> <p>16 marked for identification.)</p> <p>17 - - -</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Is this the kind of Google Map that you</p> <p>20 might normally use?</p> <p>21 A. No, not typically this. Typically it</p> <p>22 would be a picture of the front of the property.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Why not use a picture from the top</p> <p>24 of the property?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A. It's is recon sheet.</p> <p>2 Q. Had you ever seen this particular</p> <p>3 document prior to the entry of the 4664 Torresdale</p> <p>4 Avenue?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Do you specifically recall seeing</p> <p>7 this or do you believe that you normally would?</p> <p>8 A. We do before every job, everyone gets</p> <p>9 one.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. And you can see at the top it says</p> <p>11 location 4664 Torresdale Avenue, apartment second</p> <p>12 floor rear, correct?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Now, do you see -- is this the whole</p> <p>15 recon sheet? Does this appear to be a complete</p> <p>16 thing or do you think there should have been more?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. In your practice, is there normally more</p> <p>19 information?</p> <p>20 A. No, there's --</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>22 But go ahead.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p> <p>24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>2 Officer, if you can.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Sometimes these</p> <p>4 numbers that are listed here, the address</p> <p>5 markers on top of these buildings, aren't</p> <p>6 exactly correct. So we went by this.</p> <p>7 Sometimes we could, you know, be off one or</p> <p>8 two and have to adjust. So we typically</p> <p>9 have a frontal picture of the property so we</p> <p>10 know we are all looking at the same house.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. But if you look at the sky view, you can</p> <p>13 see that there's a rear entrance to the property,</p> <p>14 correct?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form, but</p> <p>16 Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: It looks like a normal</p> <p>18 row home to me.</p> <p>19 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>20 Q. And can you tell from this picture if</p> <p>21 there is a rear entrance to these buildings?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>23 But Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I can't tell from this</p>



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1 this photo if there is a door in the back of  
2 that property.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. So I will represent to you that we  
5 have had a deposition in this case of the  
6 probation officer for [REDACTED]. I have a  
7 document. It's been previously marked as Exhibit  
8 Shannon-1. Shannon was the name of the probation  
9 officer. We will mark this as Burkitt-5.

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11 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-5 was

12 marked for identification.)

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14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. And sir, I am going to turn this document  
16 to page 21. I have a copy for you as well. Page  
17 21. I have prehighlighted a portion of the entry  
18 there for April 26th, 2019. Actually, before you  
19 look at that too much, I have a question.

20 In your experience, if someone is placed  
21 on probation, will the probation officer normally  
22 go out to the person's home to do an inspection?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

24 But Officer, if you know.

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1 you don't personally know if a probation officer  
2 normally would have information to provide you as  
3 far as how to physically enter someone's home?

4 A. No.

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

6 THE WITNESS: No. I didn't say  
7 anything like that. I said I don't know  
8 what the scope of their work -- does every  
9 probation officer go out to every person's  
10 house? I don't know. But I could see them,  
11 yes, being a source in how to get into the  
12 property.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Have you ever received any training as  
15 part of the reconnaissance that you do for the  
16 SWAT unit, if you have a suspect who is on  
17 probation, whether or not you should contact the  
18 probation officer to ask how to get into the  
19 probation person's home?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

21 Officer, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: That is something that  
23 the detectives would do.

24 MR. WEST: Okay.

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't know what  
2 probation officers do, no.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. So in your training to do reconnaissance  
5 as part of the SWAT unit, you don't know if a  
6 probation officer would be a resource to explain  
7 how to get into someone's home if that person is  
8 on probation?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

10 But Officer, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: So it's not -- these  
12 things are something that a supervisor would  
13 handle. Typically detectives -- this is  
14 information the detectives would -- are  
15 supposed to garner and give to us.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. So that is something --

18 A. I can't say what a probation officer -- I  
19 have no idea what they do.

20 Q. I'm just trying to make sure -- I am not  
21 trying to put words in your mouth. I just want to  
22 make sure I understand.

23 You have gone through the SWAT unit  
24 training, you received reconnaissance training and

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1 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge. We  
2 don't do that -- that is not what we do at  
3 SWAT.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. You've never received -- you personally  
6 never received any such training, correct?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I never  
9 received any training on getting in contact  
10 with anyone, anyone's parole officer, no.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. So just looking at the highlighted  
13 section, you see on here that the probation and  
14 parole office did an inspection of the property.  
15 And specifically listed the location as second  
16 floor apartment, rear entrance off of Margaret  
17 Street, correct?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. You can see that?

20 A. Yes. I see what you highlighted, yes.

21 Q. If we go back to the Google Map that we  
22 marked as Burkitt-4.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So if you had this information in hand,

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1 second floor apartment, rear entrance off Margaret  
2 Street and you looked at this map, would that give  
3 you some sort of guidance as far as how to enter  
4 this property?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

6 But Officer, you can answer, if you can.

7 THE WITNESS: That would be a  
8 supervisor's call to make. But if I was  
9 looking at the property, I mean, and I  
10 had -- we had this information, we would  
11 have to look back there and see. Yes, we  
12 have to check it out. Or clarify with  
13 detectives. If I had that information, we  
14 would probably be on the phone with  
15 detectives verifying it.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Okay. Right. But looking at Burkitt-4,  
18 you can see that -- you can see that it says  
19 Margaret Street on this Google Map, correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

21 But Officer, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I see that.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. All right. And you can see that Margaret

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1 training, did you ever receive any training as to  
2 whether or not you should obtain property records  
3 from the City of Philadelphia?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

5 But Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: No.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. That is not part of the reconnaissance  
9 that you guys do?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

11 THE WITNESS: I never done that.

12 MR. WEST: Okay. Let's mark this as  
13 Burkitt-6.

14 - - -

15 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-6 was  
16 marked for identification.)

17 - - -

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Sir, if you can take a moment to look at  
20 this document that we marked as Burkitt-6 and let  
21 me know if you can recognize what this is.

22 A. I don't know. I've never seen this  
23 before.

24 Q. You've never seen anything like this in

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1 Street leads to the rear -- the rear entrance of  
2 these properties, correct?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

4 Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. There's a  
6 driveway off of Margaret Street that leads  
7 to the back of these properties.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay. So just using common sense, if the  
10 information available to you was the search  
11 warrant that says apartment two, second floor  
12 rear, and you had the inspection records from the  
13 probation parole office saying that you have to  
14 enter the property through the rear entrance off  
15 Margaret Street and you had this Google Map,  
16 wouldn't you assume that the proper way to enter  
17 [REDACTED] apartment is through the alleyway  
18 off of Margaret Street?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

20 But officer, if you can answer it.

21 THE WITNESS: If we had every single  
22 piece of information that you have now, yes.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. As part of the reconnaissance

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1 your entire life? You have no idea what this is  
2 and you have no idea how to access it; is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

5 But Officer, you can answer, if you can.

6 THE WITNESS: I have no idea how to  
7 access this and I don't know what this is.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. All right. So Officer Burkitt, I can  
10 represent to you that this is publicly available  
11 information from the City of Philadelphia website.  
12 So the City of Philadelphia provides a website  
13 where any member of the public can easily access  
14 property records for every property in the City,  
15 okay?

16 A. Okay.

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
18 stating of the question.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. And this is just a screen shot that we  
21 took off the internet. And you can see here that  
22 the address is 4664 Torresdale Avenue, correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

24 THE WITNESS: I can see that.

1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. And you can see that the owner is listed  
3 as Pajo Mirela. And I can represent to you that  
4 there's plenty of records in this that indicate  
5 that this SWAT unit was aware of the name of the  
6 owner prior to the operation, okay?

7 A. Okay.

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. And if you just look at this map on here,  
11 you can see that according to this map from the  
12 City of Philadelphia, the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
13 property has an entrance from Torresdale Avenue  
14 and then also off Margaret Street, correct? You  
15 can see that, correct?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

17 THE WITNESS: I can't tell that from  
18 this.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Can you see Margaret Street?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I see Margaret Street,  
23 yes. But there's nothing that indicates  
24 that there's an entrance in the back of this

1 property based off of this.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. Well, if you had the information  
4 from the probation officer and you had this map in  
5 hand, would you at least investigate to see if the  
6 alleyway off of Margaret Street was an entrance  
7 before -- before completing your reconnaissance?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Officer, go ahead.

10 THE WITNESS: So when we do a recon,  
11 we do look at the back of the property. But  
12 I remember this property looking like a  
13 normal row home with a normal back door that  
14 could have been just the back door to the  
15 first floor apartment. And I don't know  
16 anything about the owner, but people -- I  
17 mean, the owner -- anyone can own a  
18 building. Different people live in them.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Uh-huh. Did you -- did you personally  
21 see the rear door of the 4664 property?

22 A. Eventually, yes.

23 Q. Prior to entry.

24 A. I don't recall if it was on the recon

1 sheet or not. It's possible that I did.

2 Q. Did you even know that the 4664  
3 Torresdale Avenue property had a rear door prior  
4 to entry?

5 A. It's possible that I did, yes.

6 Q. But you have no specific recollection of  
7 that at this time, correct?

8 A. I would have to see the full recon sheet  
9 that we made. I can't remember at the time if I  
10 looked at that photo of the back door. I can't  
11 say.

12 Q. But you have no specific recollection of  
13 it right now, correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection. Go  
15 ahead.

16 THE WITNESS: Right. The job was  
17 some time ago. I don't know if -- when I  
18 was flipping through my recon paper if I  
19 looked at the back door of that property.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Was there a briefing prior to the entry?

22 A. There was briefing.

23 Q. Who led the briefing?

24 A. I do not recall.

1 Q. At the briefing, was anything said about  
2 the rear door?

3 A. I can't recall.

4 Q. Not that you can recall today, correct?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Do you recall if there was anything said  
7 about -- at the briefing as to why the SWAT unit  
8 was going to enter through the Torresdale Avenue  
9 entrance, rather than the Margaret Street  
10 entrance?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 But Officer, if you know.

13 THE WITNESS: So -- so before  
14 typically doing an apartment something  
15 similar to this job, most of the time  
16 there's a common entrance. And sometimes  
17 we -- we are notified that it is a second  
18 floor rear like this one does here.

19 And when you hit a door there's a  
20 common entrance and there's an apartment to  
21 the left. And there's stairs that lead up.  
22 And there's a back bedroom which would be  
23 the rear apartment. Or sometimes that is,  
24 you know, one door. Or there's a front

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1 apartment on the second floor.  
 2 These things are just always  
 3 changing and always different. Nothing is  
 4 consistent within the City.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. So why would that lead you to  
 7 enter through the Torresdale Avenue entrance  
 8 rather than the Margaret Street entrance?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 Officer?  
 11 THE WITNESS: Typically people go in  
 12 through the front of the house.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Why?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 16 THE WITNESS: I can't say why. That  
 17 is just how we pretty much -- I mean, that's  
 18 how it's done most of the time.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay.  
 21 A. I go in through my front door.  
 22 Q. So you can see from the recon sheet and  
 23 the warrant that the property was specified as  
 24 being on the second floor of the building,

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1 correct?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 3 Officer?  
 4 THE WITNESS: I can see that.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Okay. And you said earlier that you  
 7 would rely upon Google Maps images of the front of  
 8 the building, correct?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
 10 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.  
 11 MR. WEST: All right. Let's mark  
 12 this as Exhibit 7.  
 13 - - -  
 14 (Whereupon, Exhibit Burkitt-7 was  
 15 marked for identification.)  
 16 - - -  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Do you recognize what this is?  
 19 A. Picture of the front of the property.  
 20 Q. Of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property,  
 21 right?  
 22 A. Uh-huh.  
 23 Q. And I can represent to you this was just  
 24 printed off Goggle Maps. And the 4664 Torresdale

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1 Avenue property is the tan building in this  
 2 picture, correct?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. Okay. Sir, that tan -- you entered the  
 5 Torresdale Avenue entrance of this tan building,  
 6 correct, the front door that we can see in this  
 7 picture?  
 8 A. Uh-huh.  
 9 Q. Okay. And you knew that the warrant was  
 10 only valid for the second floor property, correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 But officer?  
 13 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Okay. Sir, looking at this picture now,  
 16 can't you plainly see that that door led into a  
 17 room where there was no second floor?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No. I can't tell that  
 21 from this photo. I don't know what is  
 22 inside this property.  
 23 MR. WEST: Okay.  
 24 THE WITNESS: Looking at this photo.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Can you see the tan building and the  
 3 front door?  
 4 A. I see it, with the two mailboxes out  
 5 front.  
 6 Q. Okay.  
 7 A. The mailbox for both the floors out  
 8 front.  
 9 Q. Right. Now, the room behind that front  
 10 door, do you see any second floor above that?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer?  
 13 THE WITNESS: I do see the second  
 14 floor, yes.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. Can I see the exhibit?  
 17 A. Sure.  
 18 Q. I will use an orange highlighter. All  
 19 right. Officer Burkitt, can you see that I have  
 20 highlighted a portion of the building in orange?  
 21 A. Uh-huh.  
 22 Q. Do you want to see it?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I see it. I can  
 24 share it with the Officer.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Just looking at this picture and using  
3 common sense, can you see that if you enter  
4 through that door you're going to enter the room  
5 in the orange square?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Officer, you can answer, if you can.

8 THE WITNESS: So looking at this  
9 photo, I don't know what's going to be  
10 behind this door. I don't know if it's  
11 going to be a long hallway that leads to a  
12 set of stairs with a wall separating me from  
13 this apartment, that you're insinuating as  
14 I'm supposed to know.

15 But no, I can't tell from this photo  
16 what I am going to see when I hit this --  
17 when we go into this door.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Right. So if you can answer the question  
20 that you're answered (sic).

21 Using common sense and looking at the  
22 photograph, can you see that the area of the  
23 property that you're going to enter, if you go  
24 through that front door, is the area within the

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1 answered. And to the form. Officer, you  
2 can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: I mean, it's the same  
4 property. To me looking at it, it looks  
5 like it's -- I see what you are -- the point  
6 you're trying to make. But it's one  
7 property. There's two floors.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Okay. So the other officers had no  
10 trouble identifying this. But just to make  
11 sure -- I will ask a new question.

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
13 characterization of the officers' testimony.

14 But go ahead.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Your testimony is that you are a member  
17 of the SWAT unit of the Philadelphia Police  
18 Department, you received all of the training  
19 available to you from the City of Philadelphia and  
20 you're unable to tell if the area within the  
21 orange square is one story?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object as asked and  
23 answered, to the form. Go ahead. Officer,  
24 answer again.

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1 orange square?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

3 And asked and answered.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. I'm not asking what is in there. I'm  
6 asking that's the area you're going to go through  
7 the door, correct?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
9 Officer, you can answer again.

10 THE WITNESS: This is the front of  
11 the property. I know I am going to be  
12 entering into the property if I go through  
13 this door, yes.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. Is any portion of the property  
16 within the orange square a two -- have two floors?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
18 Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: The property has two  
20 floors.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay. But the area within the orange  
23 square is one floor, correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object as asked and

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1 THE WITNESS: It's one property, two  
2 stories. That's how I see it. It's not a  
3 separate building. I would consider it two  
4 stories.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Did the property have multiple apartments  
7 in it?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
9 Officer, if you understand you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: It was listed that it  
11 had two -- a second apartment.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. So with the warrant that we have  
14 identified in this deposition and marked as an  
15 exhibit, were you allowed to enter any portion of  
16 the 4664 Torresdale Avenue or were you only  
17 allowed to enter a certain portion of the  
18 property?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
20 Officer?

21 THE WITNESS: We only had a ticket  
22 for the second floor rear.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. So what, if any, precautions did

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1 you take to make sure that you only entered the  
 2 second floor rear apartment?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 4 Officer, you can answer.  
 5 THE WITNESS: From my standpoint, we  
 6 reconned the job. We looked at it.  
 7 Reconned the job, looked at it. I mean, it  
 8 looks -- you never know what you're going to  
 9 get into. Both mailboxes are out front.  
 10 That leads me to believe that this is a  
 11 stairwell that leads out to a hallway where  
 12 there would be -- someone would come and  
 13 collect their mail from the front of the  
 14 property.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Right. So you have --  
 17 A. I mean, we do the best we can.  
 18 Q. Right. So you have an actual inspection  
 19 of the property by the probation officer that says  
 20 you have to enter through the Margaret Street  
 21 entrance. You have this picture from the  
 22 Torresdale Avenue --  
 23 A. I didn't have that.  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, let him --

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1 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: -- ask his  
 3 question.  
 4 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'm sorry. I know  
 6 it's frustrating, but let him ask.  
 7 THE WITNESS: No. No. I'm sorry  
 8 about that.  
 9 MR. WEST: It's okay.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. So you would agree that whoever did the  
 12 reconnaissance of this job had access to Google  
 13 Maps?  
 14 A. I would agree with that.  
 15 Q. And you would agree that whoever did  
 16 reconnaissance of this job, including detectives,  
 17 had the ability to call the probation officer and  
 18 ask if the apartment had been inspected, correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know what  
 22 detectives do. I mean, that is something  
 23 that we typically -- that's information that  
 24 we typically get from them in regards to if

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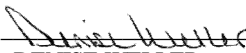
1 the suspect is on parole, if he has an ankle  
 2 monitor, if he has a parole officer.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. All right, sir. So if you had this  
 5 picture that we marked Burkitt-7 in hand --  
 6 A. Uh-huh.  
 7 Q. -- and this was the Torresdale entrance,  
 8 and you had the records from the probation officer  
 9 saying that the entrance to the second floor rear  
 10 apartment was in the Margaret Street entrance,  
 11 would you have sent the team in through the  
 12 Torresdale Avenue or the Margaret Street entrance?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't send the  
 16 team anywhere, because I am not a  
 17 supervisor.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any basis,  
 20 whatsoever, for the SWAT unit of which you are a  
 21 part, to have concluded that the Torresdale Avenue  
 22 entrance was the entrance into the second floor  
 23 rear apartment as opposed to the Margaret Street  
 24 entrance?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Officer, you can answer, if you can.  
 3 THE WITNESS: So, on the recon sheet  
 4 it says apartment second floor. To me, I  
 5 looked at this job when we -- I didn't go  
 6 and recon the job, but I looked at the  
 7 paperwork.  
 8 Like I said, we never know what we  
 9 are going to see behind the door. Typically  
 10 in most common cases, there's a common  
 11 entryway. So to me looking at this, the two  
 12 mailboxes out front just -- it's a two  
 13 story. I would see it as, I mean, we were  
 14 going to go through the front door here.  
 15 This was going to be a common entryway and  
 16 we were going to proceed to either stairs or  
 17 another door that was going to lead us to  
 18 the property or to the second floor rear.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. So you're saying even if you had known  
 21 that the probation officer specifically  
 22 memorialized that the entrance to the property was  
 23 through the Margaret Street entrance, you still  
 24 think it would have been reasonable to enter



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 through Torresdale Avenue?</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: If we had this</p> <p>4 information that you have now from the</p> <p>5 probation officer, I am sure the supervisor</p> <p>6 would have made the decision on how to</p> <p>7 approach the property or gather more</p> <p>8 information from detectives to better</p> <p>9 specify the entrance to this location,</p> <p>10 specifically the second floor rear.</p> <p>11 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>12 Q. So you're sure that if the supervisor had</p> <p>13 known about the probation officer inspection</p> <p>14 records, they would have considered if Margaret</p> <p>15 Street was the proper entrance?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>17 Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: If -- I mean, yes, I</p> <p>19 believe so if we had all of the information.</p> <p>20 I don't know what information was privy to</p> <p>21 the supervisors. But I know it's typically</p> <p>22 just a warrant that comes over. And then we</p> <p>23 go and do our own thing and we talk to</p> <p>24 detectives and try to garner as much</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 someone lived there and it wasn't the suspect,</p> <p>2 correct?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Were you legally allowed pursuant to that</p> <p>5 warrant to enter the first floor apartment?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>7 Officer, you can answer if you can.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the</p> <p>9 question?</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. Sure. You entered apartment number one</p> <p>12 on the first floor, correct?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. That was the apartment belonging to Ms.</p> <p>15 Alvarado, correct?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>17 Officer, if you know.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I mean, at the time I</p> <p>19 didn't know whose it was. And there was no</p> <p>20 marking on the door that specified apartment</p> <p>21 one or anything like that. To me it looked</p> <p>22 just like a normal door. But yeah, we did</p> <p>23 go into that -- into that door.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 information as we can from them and</p> <p>2 determine what is the best route to hit the</p> <p>3 property, especially in a case like this</p> <p>4 where there's a second floor. But we are</p> <p>5 pretty meticulous, but I do believe if he</p> <p>6 had that information, yes, we would have</p> <p>7 looked into going into the rear.</p> <p>8 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal knowledge</p> <p>10 as to why the supervisor on the 4664 Torresdale</p> <p>11 Avenue job wouldn't have had that information?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>13 But Officer, you can answer, if you can.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: It would have to have</p> <p>15 come from detectives.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 A. All of the information that we get is</p> <p>19 from detectives.</p> <p>20 Q. So assuming that the -- I just can</p> <p>21 represent to you that the Torresdale entrance led</p> <p>22 to apartment number one, which was a first floor</p> <p>23 apartment. And in fact, you're aware of that,</p> <p>24 because you entered the property and you saw that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. And you will agree that there were</p> <p>2 no exigent circumstances for that entry, correct?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form. But</p> <p>4 Officer, if you know.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Other than the fact</p> <p>6 that we had a warrant for a homicide, no.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Right. And the warrant was for the</p> <p>9 second floor rear apartment, correct?</p> <p>10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. Legally, did you have any grounds</p> <p>14 to enter apartment number one of 4664 Torresdale</p> <p>15 Avenue, to your knowledge?</p> <p>16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>17 But Officer, you can answer if you know.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I mean, no.</p> <p>19 MR. WEST: Okay. I have no further</p> <p>20 questions. Thank you very much.</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And I have no</p> <p>22 questions. So thank you, Officer. I will</p> <p>23 walk you out.</p> <p>24 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: We are going</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 off the record at 10:57 a.m.</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Can we stay on the</p> <p>3 record for one moment? I'm sorry.</p> <p>4 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Going back on</p> <p>5 the record at 10:57 a.m.</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I do have to</p> <p>7 designate. I think the name [REDACTED] was</p> <p>8 mentioned during the deposition. So I am</p> <p>9 just designating for the record that portion</p> <p>10 of the deposition is confidential under the</p> <p>11 protective order.</p> <p>12 MR. WEST: Yeah. No objection.</p> <p>13 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: We are going</p> <p>14 off the record at 10:57 a.m.</p> <p>15 - - -</p> <p>16 (Whereupon, the videotaped</p> <p>17 deposition concluded at 10:57 a.m.)</p> <p>18 - - -</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>
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# EXHIBIT “R”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Jose Hamoy**

**Date:** August 17, 2023

**Case:** FELISHATAY ALVARADO v. City of Philadelphia, et al.

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1 of Common Pleas, Docket Number  
 2 220601633.  
 3 The witness being deposed today is  
 4 Officer Jose Hamoy, Badge Number 2987.  
 5 THE WITNESS: 84.  
 6 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: 2984.  
 7 Sorry.  
 8 This deposition is being taken on  
 9 behalf of the plaintiff, Felishatay  
 10 Alvarado. The officer taking this  
 11 deposition is Candace Weindel. She  
 12 shall swear the witness in at this time:  
 13 - - -  
 14 OFFICER JOSE HAMOY, after having  
 15 been first duly sworn, was examined and  
 16 testified as follows:  
 17 - - -  
 18 EXAMINATION  
 19 - - -  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. All right. Good morning, Officer.  
 22 It's officer currently; right?  
 23 A. Yeah. Good morning. Yeah.  
 24 Q. Good morning, Officer Hamoy. My

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1 name is Keith West. I'm one of the attorneys  
 2 representing the plaintiff in this case, Ms.  
 3 Alvarado.  
 4 Is this -- have you ever been in a  
 5 deposition before?  
 6 A. No. This is my first time  
 7 actually.  
 8 Q. This is your first deposition.  
 9 Okay.  
 10 Did you have a chance to review any  
 11 documents in preparation for your testimony today?  
 12 A. A few months ago, but I haven't  
 13 seen it since then.  
 14 Q. Okay. Can you just tell me what  
 15 you reviewed?  
 16 A. Just the -- the service report that  
 17 we have at the headquarters as well as the -- the  
 18 reconnaissance sheets that we have.  
 19 Q. The service report, reconnaissance.  
 20 Did you also review your prior  
 21 statement?  
 22 A. Not -- no, not that I know.  
 23 Q. You don't believe so?  
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. Okay. And you're represented by  
 2 counsel today. You're prepared to testify;  
 3 correct?  
 4 A. Yup.  
 5 Q. Okay. These are just like standard  
 6 questions. Don't read anything into it.  
 7 Are you under the influence any  
 8 sort of medication, substance, illness, anything  
 9 that would impair your ability to testify  
 10 truthfully today?  
 11 A. No.  
 12 Q. Just a few ground rules for how we  
 13 usually do depositions. You are already doing  
 14 fine. But it's in many ways like a normal  
 15 conversation except the court reporter needs to  
 16 write down everything we say.  
 17 A. Okay.  
 18 Q. So we have to be careful that we  
 19 don't speak at the same time. Okay?  
 20 A. Yeah.  
 21 Q. And also, you kind of almost --  
 22 A. Sorry about that.  
 23 Q. Do you need more with that or are  
 24 you good?

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1 A. No, I'm good. Yeah.  
 2 Q. All right. Almost on cue, you  
 3 bring up the other issue, which is because it is  
 4 ultimately a written record, everything we say has  
 5 to be spoken. So things we might say -- do in a  
 6 normal conversation, like hand gestures --  
 7 A. Okay.  
 8 Q. -- nods of the head, things like  
 9 that won't go on the record, so you have to be  
 10 sure that all of your responses are spoken. Okay?  
 11 A. Yes, sir.  
 12 Q. If I ask you a question, please  
 13 only answer it if you believe that you understand  
 14 it.  
 15 A. Okay.  
 16 Q. So if you need me to repeat a  
 17 question, speak louder, explain the meaning of a  
 18 word or anything like that, just let us know.  
 19 Okay?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. This is not intended to be an  
 22 unnecessarily uncomfortable process, so if you  
 23 need a break at any time, let us know. You know,  
 24 if you would like water, coffee, anything like

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1 that, we'll try to be as accommodating as we can.  
 2 Okay?  
 3 A. Okay.  
 4 Q. All right. So Officer Hamoy,  
 5 you're currently a member of the Philadelphia SWAT  
 6 Unit; correct?  
 7 A. Yes.  
 8 Q. Philadelphia Police Department SWAT  
 9 Unit?  
 10 A. Yes, correct.  
 11 Q. How long have you been a member of  
 12 the SWAT unit?  
 13 A. Just a little over -- a little over  
 14 two years.  
 15 Q. Okay. Do you know what month you  
 16 started?  
 17 A. December 2020.  
 18 Q. Okay. So two and a half years.  
 19 Our -- our incident, I can  
 20 represent to you, occurred on June 4, 2021. So  
 21 you were a member of the SWAT unit at that time;  
 22 correct?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Prior to joining the SWAT unit,

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1 training you received as a patrol officer?  
 2 A. That's correct.  
 3 Q. Okay. What -- what additional  
 4 training did you receive as part of joining the  
 5 SWAT unit?  
 6 A. You go to basic SWAT school for, to  
 7 the best of my recollection, close to nine weeks.  
 8 Q. Okay. Is that it?  
 9 A. Yeah. And then you have additional  
 10 in-service training from month to month.  
 11 Q. Okay. And how -- how -- like is  
 12 that one day per month, an hour per month? What  
 13 is it?  
 14 A. It depends, but we do train a whole  
 15 lot.  
 16 Q. Okay. What sort of topics were  
 17 covered at the SWAT school?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: We get trained from  
 21 firearms proficiency,  
 22 building/room-clearing, a lot of special  
 23 equipment that we use during barricades  
 24 and warrant services and stuff like

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1 were you in some other capacity with the  
 2 Philadelphia Police Department?  
 3 A. Yes. I was a patrol officer at the  
 4 25th District for close to 10 years.  
 5 Q. Okay. And did you have any job  
 6 with the Philadelphia Police Department prior to  
 7 that?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. What was that?  
 10 A. I was -- I was in the Marines and  
 11 also was a federal police for the Department of  
 12 Defense.  
 13 Q. Okay. But not in a prior position  
 14 with the Philadelphia Police Department?  
 15 A. No.  
 16 Q. Okay. So you were a patrol officer  
 17 for about 10 years?  
 18 A. Yeah.  
 19 Q. And then starting in December 2020,  
 20 you joined the SWAT unit; right?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. Okay. When you joined the SWAT  
 23 unit, did you receive any additional training  
 24 specific to the SWAT unit in addition to the

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1 that.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. So all of the training that  
 4 you just specified would be useful as far as a  
 5 warrant enforcement at a home; correct?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. Did -- and in your  
 11 experience, is that a normal job that the SWAT  
 12 unit at the Philadelphia Police Department do, to  
 13 enforce warrants at homes?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Okay. Now, my understanding is  
 16 that the SWAT unit won't be used to enforce a  
 17 warrant at a home under -- under just any  
 18 circumstances. Isn't it true that the SWAT unit  
 19 is usually reserved only for situations where  
 20 there's considered to be a risk of -- of  
 21 heightened danger?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 23 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: High-risk.

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1 MR. WEST: High-risk.  
 2 THE WITNESS: High-risk warrant.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. Could you explain what that  
 5 means to say high-risk warrant in this situation?  
 6 A. Mostly violent offenders, that  
 7 there's a good chance that a normal patrol officer  
 8 would not be able to handle.  
 9 Q. Okay. In your experience with the  
 10 SWAT unit, how much of -- of your normal time is  
 11 spent enforcing warrants at the homes of people  
 12 who are considered to be violent offenders or  
 13 likely to be violent offenders?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Officer, you can  
 15 answer if you can, if you can estimate.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Majority of the time,  
 17 yeah.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. That's the main thing that  
 20 the SWAT unit does in your --  
 21 A. Yeah. It's mostly high-risk  
 22 warrants and barricades.  
 23 Q. Okay. So as part of the training  
 24 that you received on how to enforce warrants at

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1 homes, did you receive any training with regards  
 2 to what you're supposed to do if there is a dog on  
 3 the property?  
 4 A. In terms of training?  
 5 Q. Right. So I guess I can rephrase  
 6 the question. Let me give you some background.  
 7 So are you given any training from  
 8 the Philadelphia Police Department as part of  
 9 being a member of the SWAT unit with regards to  
 10 how you should approach various kinds of  
 11 residences when attempting to enforce warrants?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
 14 can.  
 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. And is any part of that  
 18 training, in your personal experience, in  
 19 reference to how you should interact with any dogs  
 20 that might be found on the property?  
 21 A. During training, not necessarily  
 22 with the dog, but we are -- we do not -- if the  
 23 dog doesn't really try to bite any officer, we  
 24 would -- we would not harm any animal at all.

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1 Q. Okay. But you never received any  
 2 specific training related to dog encounters;  
 3 correct?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 5 Officer, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I don't think you can  
 7 train to for a real dog, you know, to  
 8 attack you, yeah, so --  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay. But if you can just ask --  
 11 answer the question you were asked.  
 12 You never received any training  
 13 specific to dog encounters; correct?  
 14 A. No.  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 16 THE WITNESS: No.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. That is correct; right?  
 19 A. Yeah, that's correct.  
 20 Q. Okay. And do you know whether or  
 21 not the Philadelphia Police Department has ever  
 22 issued any directives pertaining to how  
 23 Philadelphia Police Department officers should  
 24 handle encounters with dogs?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 2 Officer, you can answer.  
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, I believe so.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. And -- and what is your  
 6 understanding about that?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 8 I'm sorry, Officer. Go ahead.  
 9 THE WITNESS: My understanding that  
 10 you try to avoid the best that you can  
 11 not to harm the dog unless -- unless it  
 12 endangers you or, you know, unless it  
 13 prevents -- your action would prevent  
 14 from the dog hurting somebody else or  
 15 yourself, yeah.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. Where did you hear about the  
 18 directive?  
 19 A. I believe somewhere in the  
 20 directive, but I just couldn't remember -- tell  
 21 you exactly when or -- when did I hear or read it  
 22 the last time.  
 23 Q. Okay. Is it possible that you  
 24 first heard about that after June 4, 2021?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: No. I've been an --  
4 I've been an officer for quite some  
5 time.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. When did -- when did the  
8 directive that you're referring to go into effect?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
10 Officer, you can answer if you can.

11 THE WITNESS: I -- I cannot recall  
12 when.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall if the  
15 directive gave any guidance as to what sort of  
16 tools or weapons an officer should utilize when  
17 encountering a dog?

18 A. I would have to refer that. I just  
19 couldn't remember it.

20 Q. You have no recollection of that at  
21 this time; correct?

22 A. Yeah, not at this time.

23 Q. Okay. And is it fair to infer that  
24 you had no recollection of that on June 4, 2021?

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1 use that because it -- it also contaminate the  
2 rest of the officers serving the warrant if you do  
3 deploy OC spray.

4 Q. All right, sir. So I asked you  
5 what tools or weapons you might use if you  
6 anticipate an encounter with a dog. I believe you  
7 testified that you could use pepper spray, but  
8 that you wouldn't use that if you were doing a  
9 warrant enforcement with the SWAT unit.

10 Are there any specific tools or  
11 weapons that you would utilize if you anticipated  
12 a dog encounter?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
14 Officer, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: There's -- there's  
16 other tools that you can use, but at  
17 that moment, we are -- again, we are  
18 serving a high-risk environment, so what  
19 we have in our hand is, at that time, is  
20 a rifle.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay. So is it -- so as of June  
23 2021, if you were enforcing a warrant at a private  
24 residence and you knew that you were likely to

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 Officer, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: No. Word for word,  
4 no, but for experience purposes, I  
5 basically know what to do if the dog did  
6 try to attack me.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Okay. But do you have any training  
9 as to what specific tools or weapons you should  
10 prepare to use if you expect to encounter a dog?

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
12 Officer, you can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, we do.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. What are those?

16 A. We have -- we have options from  
17 pepper spray --

18 Q. Anything else?

19 A. Well, after that, because we were  
20 on a -- it's different from patrol. So we're in a  
21 high -- high-risk environment, so majority of the  
22 time we do not have time to -- to deploy pepper  
23 spray in high -- high-risk environment like that.  
24 And -- and major -- as a SWAT operator, we do not

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1 encounter a dog as part of that enforcement, is  
2 the only tool or weapon that you would have at  
3 hand a rifle?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Officer, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: When we're serving a  
7 warrant, when we're making entry, what  
8 we have in our -- what we have in both  
9 of our hands is a rifle, sir.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Okay. And there would be no other  
12 tool or weapon that you would have at hand to use  
13 that might help with the dog encounter; correct?

14 A. We do --

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
16 Officer...

17 THE WITNESS: We do have tools in  
18 our belt, like OC spray and -- and  
19 pistol and other stuff. But again, at  
20 that time, as we're making entry, what  
21 we have in both of our hands is -- is a  
22 rifle, and at that very moment, we  
23 haven't cleared the house yet and assume  
24 that it's safe.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. As part of the SWAT unit training  
3 that you received, did you receive any training  
4 specific as to how warrant should be enforced at  
5 multi-residence homes?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
7 Officer, you can answer.

8 MR. WEST: Actually, strike the  
9 question. I'm going to rephrase that  
10 question.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. As part of the SWAT unit training  
13 that you received from the Philadelphia Police  
14 Department, did you receive any training specific  
15 as to how you should enforce warrants at  
16 multi-residence buildings?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
18 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
19 can.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay. And what was that training?

23 A. You mean like step by step, like  
24 when we receive the warrant, sir?

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1 Q. Yeah. If you could just answer  
2 that as broadly as you can, anything you remember  
3 that was specific to multi-residence buildings.

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
6 can.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. When we  
8 receive the job from -- from the request  
9 of the detectives, we verify the  
10 warrant, make sure it's good. The  
11 supervisor would verify it and whether  
12 they would deny it or not, if it does  
13 meet the criteria, whatever that might  
14 be from the supervisor's point of view.

15 And then, after that, we do -- we  
16 do recon the house and look at the  
17 property, what kind of door, how many  
18 people that we might need the following  
19 day. And then once that's done, we call  
20 everybody that we need. And then we  
21 serve the warrant at the time that was  
22 requested by the detectives.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. Is that it?

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1 A. Yeah. There is more in-depth to  
2 that, but, you know, that's basically --

3 Q. Okay. What's more in-depth than  
4 that?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
6 But, Officer...

7 THE WITNESS: You know, like the  
8 tools, what kind of door -- what we're  
9 going to need for the door, like the  
10 positioning of the house because we  
11 normally contain the house. We put  
12 rear, front, and if there is a side  
13 window, we put personnel there, too,  
14 before we actively make entry into the  
15 house, how many teams that we need and  
16 stuff like that.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. All right, Officer. I'm not sure  
19 if you caught the question. I asked anything  
20 specific to multi-residence buildings.

21 Is there anything unique about what  
22 you told me that would pertain only to  
23 multi-residence buildings as opposed to any other  
24 warrant?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
2 But, Officer, if you can answer,  
3 you can.

4 THE WITNESS: We normally do the  
5 same. We normally do the same thing.

6 MR. WEST: Okay.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. So as part of the training that you  
10 received for being on the SWAT unit of the  
11 Philadelphia Police Department, did you receive  
12 any training specific to the enforcement of  
13 warrants at multi-residence buildings?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form as  
15 asked and answered.

16 But go ahead, Officer, answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah. We are just --  
18 we are just trained how to like recon  
19 the property and how to make entry and  
20 clear properties. That's -- that's what  
21 --

22 MR. WEST: Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: -- we were trained  
24 for.



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1 MR. WEST: So --  
 2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry if I kind  
 3 of misunderstood at first.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Is the important thing in reconning  
 6 the property ahead of time when you are dealing  
 7 with a multi-residence property to make sure that  
 8 if you enter a door, it's a door that only leads  
 9 to a residence which is subject to the warrant as  
 10 opposed to any other residence that might be in  
 11 the same multi-residence building?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 Officer, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. We make sure  
 15 it's the right property, yeah.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. And not just the right  
 18 building, but you also have to make sure it's the  
 19 right residence.  
 20 Do you understand the question?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 22 But, Officer...  
 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. To the best --  
 24 the best we can, yeah.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. For example, if you have a warrant  
 3 for a specific apartment number, are you allowed  
 4 to enter any apartment in the building as part of  
 5 your warrant enforcement or do you have to be more  
 6 specific than that?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 Officer...  
 9 THE WITNESS: It depends what the  
 10 warrant service says that the detective  
 11 gave to us and then it's basically at  
 12 the supervisor's decision.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Okay. Could you explain what you  
 15 mean as far as the warrant service given by the  
 16 detective?  
 17 A. The warrant -- the -- the warrant  
 18 -- the copy of the affidavit that the detective  
 19 would give would normally indicate like second  
 20 floor only, third floor only if it's -- if it's  
 21 like a building.  
 22 Q. Okay.  
 23 A. Yeah.  
 24 Q. So --

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1 A. If it specifically says that, then  
 2 that's the only -- that's the only apartment, or  
 3 whatever the case may be, we would -- we would  
 4 execute the warrant for.  
 5 Q. Now, when -- when you and the --  
 6 the other people in the SWAT unit are enforcing a  
 7 warrant at a private residence, the detective  
 8 wouldn't normally be on the scene, would he?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 10 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
 11 can.  
 12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. They meet us  
 13 in the staging area and they will follow  
 14 us. And then once we -- we clear the  
 15 property, and then they go inside the  
 16 house and then we leave and go to the  
 17 next warrant, yeah.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. So do you normally have a  
 20 briefing before you enforce a warrant?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. In your experience, would the  
 23 detective associated with the case normally attend  
 24 that briefing?

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1 A. No, it's just us.  
 2 Q. Okay. And the briefing is when you  
 3 and the other members of the SWAT unit are given  
 4 specific instructions as to how the warrant is to  
 5 be enforced; correct?  
 6 A. Yeah. And our -- what our specific  
 7 jobs would be on that warrant.  
 8 Q. Okay. And is it at that briefing  
 9 when you are given specific instructions as to  
 10 what door you should enter through if you are  
 11 enforcing a warrant at a private residence?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 13 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. And so it follows naturally  
 17 then that the detective would not be part of that  
 18 briefing process; correct?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 20 But, Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, correct.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. So who would be the person  
 24 who would be giving the briefing that would

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1 include specific instructions as to what door or  
2 doors you and the other members of the SWAT unit  
3 should be entering through?

4 A. That would be the supervisor in  
5 charge.

6 Q. Okay. Is that usually a lieutenant  
7 or a sergeant?

8 A. It depends, but it's either a  
9 sergeant or lieutenant.

10 Q. Okay. And with regards to the --  
11 the warrant enforcement action that ended up  
12 entering Ms. Alvarado's home in June 2021, who was  
13 the supervisor that gave the briefing, if you  
14 recall?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

16 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
17 can recall.

18 THE WITNESS: To the best of my  
19 recollection, it was Lieutenant Monk.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. And do you know if Sergeant  
22 Melody also gave briefing at that time or was it  
23 only Lieutenant Monk?

24 A. No. We're going to be all in the

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1 anything that anyone said at that briefing at this  
2 time?

3 A. No. It's been a while.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Not specifically, yeah.

6 Q. So getting back to the issue of the  
7 importance of reconnaissance, if you and the other  
8 members of the SWAT unit are given a warrant to  
9 enter a specific apartment number in an apartment  
10 building, have you ever received any guidance as  
11 to how to make sure that you only enter the  
12 specific apartment and not any other part of the  
13 apartment house or is that not important?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

15 Officer, you can answer if you can.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is important.

17 So we try to make sure that it is the  
18 right property, yes.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. And how would you do that?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

22 Officer, you can --

23 THE WITNESS: Normally, like when  
24 we do reconnaissance on the house, you

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1 briefing including Sergeant Melody.

2 Q. Okay. Do you recall anything that  
3 Lieutenant Monk specifically said at that  
4 briefing?

5 A. It was just the normal -- the  
6 normal brief, gave us our -- our responsibilities  
7 during the warrant service and --

8 Q. Do you specifically recall anything  
9 he said at that briefing?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

11 Officer, you can answer if you can  
12 recall.

13 THE WITNESS: No, no, I can't. No,  
14 I don't.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Do you specifically recall anything  
17 that Sergeant Melody said at that briefing?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

19 But, Officer, you can -- if you  
20 recall --

21 THE WITNESS: No. Just a normal --  
22 normal -- normal --

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. Do you specifically recall

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1 can see it from the front door, the  
2 number of the property, the house is  
3 marked or not.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. In your -- in your experience in  
6 the City of Philadelphia, do many people live in  
7 multi-residence buildings?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

9 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
10 can.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes. I would say a  
12 good amount, yes.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. So that's a pretty normal  
15 thing in your experience as a member of the SWAT  
16 unit, that you have to enforce a warrant at a  
17 multi-residence property; is that correct?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

19 Officer...

20 THE WITNESS: Not all the time, but  
21 yeah, we do end up serving warrants at a  
22 multi-residence one.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. So did you ever receive any

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1 specific guidance as part of your training with  
 2 the Philadelphia Police Department as to what  
 3 parts of a building in a multi-residence property  
 4 that you could and could not enter if you had a  
 5 warrant that was specific to one apartment?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form as  
 7 asked and answered.  
 8 Go ahead, Officer, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. And what was that specific  
 12 training?  
 13 A. You know, you -- say the question  
 14 again, sir. I'm sorry.  
 15 MR. WEST: Is it possible that you  
 16 can read it back?  
 17 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah.  
 18 - - -  
 19 (Whereupon, the court reporter read  
 20 back the pertinent testimony.)  
 21 - - -  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 23 Officer...  
 24 THE WITNESS: Yeah. The specific

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same --  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. -- in that situation?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 5 THE WITNESS: That would be the  
 6 supervisor, sir.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. Have you ever done  
 9 reconnaissance?  
 10 A. Yes, I do.  
 11 Q. Okay. So did you ever receive any  
 12 training on -- on what sort of reconnaissance  
 13 should be done in that situation?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 15 Officer...  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Okay. And what was that training  
 19 you received?  
 20 A. Once we receive the warrant, we  
 21 verify the address and then we go to that address  
 22 and we look at what kind of doors so we know what  
 23 tools we need, how many windows so we know how  
 24 many officers, SWAT officers, we need to call and

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1 is that you are not going to serve the  
 2 warrant to -- to the wrong apartment.  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Okay. And where did you receive  
 5 that training?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Officer...  
 8 THE WITNESS: During basic school  
 9 and also during my on-the-job training.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. Now, if you are at a  
 12 multi-residence property and there's a front door  
 13 and you are not sure what's behind that front  
 14 door, do you have any -- any sort of training from  
 15 the SWAT unit or the Philadelphia Police  
 16 Department as to what you should do in that  
 17 situation?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: That would be the  
 21 supervisor's decision, sir.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. But you specifically, did you ever  
 24 receive any training --

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1 use to execute the warrant and how many teams and  
 2 stuff like that and if any -- we see anything, you  
 3 know, specific that -- that -- that we might think  
 4 that might -- that might be helpful to execute the  
 5 warrant safely.  
 6 Q. When you would perform  
 7 reconnaissance at a multi-residence property,  
 8 would you do enough reconnaissance to make a  
 9 visual inspection of both the front and the rear  
 10 of the building?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Well, when you do  
 14 reconnaissance, sometimes you can only  
 15 do much because at the same time you  
 16 don't wanna -- you don't want them to  
 17 know that you are going to serve the  
 18 warrant. You know, so if there's people  
 19 outside and stuff like that, you can  
 20 only sometimes do it from a distance.  
 21 So it depends upon the situation.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Did you play any role in the  
 24 reconnaissance for the warrant that was being

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1 enforced on the incident of June 4, 2021?  
 2 A. I don't think so because we did a  
 3 lot of warrants in my last two and a half years.  
 4 I don't believe I did the reconnaissance on that  
 5 specific job, but you can refer it to the  
 6 paperwork because I honestly can't recall if I did  
 7 it or not.

8 Q. Okay. Do you know who did the  
 9 reconnaissance for this particular incident?

10 A. No.

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

12 But, Officer...

13 THE WITNESS: No.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. As -- in your experience on  
 16 doing reconnaissance for a warrant enforcement on  
 17 a multi-residence property, have you ever  
 18 contacted the property manager?

19 A. Yes. Sometimes a supervisor or  
 20 detective will do that.

21 Q. Why?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

23 Officer, if you know --

24 THE WITNESS: If there's like -- if

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1 there's like -- like issues like, you  
 2 know, there's a gate or if it's like  
 3 there's -- if there's a key, sometimes  
 4 the detectives when they -- when they  
 5 send the warrant for us at the request  
 6 for us to serve, sometimes the detective  
 7 will say there that they spoke to the  
 8 property owner and they have the keys  
 9 that we can use so we don't have to  
 10 break the door.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any  
 13 specific guidance as part of your training with  
 14 the Philadelphia Police Department as to when you  
 15 should and shouldn't contact the property manager  
 16 with regards to enforcing a warrant at a  
 17 multi-residence property?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: No. But that's --  
 21 the one that normally does that would be  
 22 supervisors. That's the supervisor. We  
 23 don't -- as an operator, we normally  
 24 don't contact the -- the property owner.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. Again, though, I thought you  
 3 said that you've actually done reconnaissance  
 4 yourself?

5 A. Yes, I did. But in terms of  
 6 speaking to like the owner of the house, majority  
 7 is done by the supervisor.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Or the detectives, majority of the  
 10 time, it's the detectives.

11 Q. How about contacting L&I to get  
 12 property records; have you ever done anything like  
 13 that as part of a reconnaissance?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you know if that's something  
 16 that is ever done as part of the reconnaissance  
 17 for the SWAT unit?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer...

20 THE WITNESS: You would have to ask  
 21 the supervisor for that, sir.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Okay. So have you not actually  
 24 been trained on how to do reconnaissance?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 2 Officer...

3 THE WITNESS: I was.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Okay. Because it sounds like --  
 6 like for a lot of these questions related to how  
 7 to do reconnaissance you're saying that you have  
 8 to contact a supervisor. So I'm confused if  
 9 you've received the training how to do it, why you  
 10 wouldn't know the answer to that.

11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object.  
 12 Officer...

13 THE WITNESS: When you're talking  
 14 about speaking to the property owner,  
 15 sir, and stuff like that, that's mostly  
 16 done by the supervisor and detective.  
 17 The training that I received for  
 18 reconnaissance is basically to see like  
 19 how many windows in the property, what  
 20 kind of door, in order for us to know  
 21 how many SWAT operators we might need to  
 22 serve that warrant and also what tools  
 23 that we might need.

24 MR. WEST: Okay.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: That's the training I</p> <p>2 received, sir.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. And the training you received also</p> <p>5 said that in certain situations you wouldn't need</p> <p>6 to check to see if there's a rear entrance to the</p> <p>7 building; correct?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>9 Officer, if you can --</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: If I do the</p> <p>11 reconnaissance, I -- we normally -- to</p> <p>12 the best that we could, depending on the</p> <p>13 circumstance, we normally also check the</p> <p>14 rear, of how to get to the rear of the</p> <p>15 property. But that's not the case all</p> <p>16 the time because sometimes there are</p> <p>17 people standing outside, especially if</p> <p>18 we're doing the reconnaissance during</p> <p>19 the day.</p> <p>20 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>21 Q. Sir, with regards to the property</p> <p>22 at 4664 Torresdale Avenue where the warrant was</p> <p>23 enforced on June 4, 2021, isn't it true that prior</p> <p>24 to entering Ms. Alvarado's apartment you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 not there was or wasn't a rear door.</p> <p>2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>3 Officer, you can answer if you</p> <p>4 recall.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do, yeah.</p> <p>6 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>7 Q. You did know there was a rear door?</p> <p>8 A. Yeah.</p> <p>9 Q. How did you know there was a rear</p> <p>10 door?</p> <p>11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>12 Officer...</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Because we put --</p> <p>14 during the brief, we put rear</p> <p>15 containment at the back just in case the</p> <p>16 suspect would run out the back door.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. So tell me everything that</p> <p>19 was said at the briefing with regards to the rear</p> <p>20 door.</p> <p>21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form as</p> <p>22 asked and answered.</p> <p>23 Go ahead, Officer, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I cannot specifically</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 personally were unaware of the existence of a rear</p> <p>2 door?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>4 Officer, if you recall, you can</p> <p>5 answer.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. You did know there was a rear door?</p> <p>9 A. We know that there's a rear exit,</p> <p>10 but we do not know that that's -- that's an</p> <p>11 apartment or just plainly a back door of a normal</p> <p>12 property.</p> <p>13 Q. So you did or did not know there</p> <p>14 was a rear door?</p> <p>15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>16 Officer...</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I assume that there's</p> <p>18 a rear door, but I wasn't on the entry</p> <p>19 team, sir. I wasn't the rear at that</p> <p>20 time.</p> <p>21 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>22 Q. Well, sir, I'm not asking you if</p> <p>23 you assumed that there would be a rear door. I'm</p> <p>24 just asking did you specifically know whether or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 recall. All we did is we -- we put a</p> <p>2 rear containment at the back door.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Do you specifically recall anything</p> <p>5 about the rear door being said at the briefing</p> <p>6 today?</p> <p>7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>8 Officer...</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>10 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>11 Q. The warrant in this case</p> <p>12 specifically said that it applied to Apartment</p> <p>13 Number 2 on the second floor rear; correct?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>15 Officer, you can answer if you</p> <p>16 recall.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: No, I can't recall.</p> <p>18 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Do you recall what the</p> <p>20 warrant at issue said?</p> <p>21 A. No. I have served many warrants</p> <p>22 since then, so I have to refer you to the</p> <p>23 paperwork there, sir.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Prior to entering Ms.</p>

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1 Alvarado's apartment, were you given any  
2 instructions as to what portions of the  
3 multi-residence building you were and were not  
4 allowed to enter?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
6 Officer, you can answer if you  
7 know.

8 THE WITNESS: I was in the first  
9 entry team and my specific job at that  
10 -- at that warrant is to enter through  
11 the first door and clear the -- clear  
12 the property from there.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. And where did you believe  
15 that that door led to, if anywhere, or did you not  
16 know?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
18 Officer, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: Rephrase the question  
20 again, sir.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Where did you think the door led?

23 A. I would think it would lead to the  
24 -- to the property that we -- that we -- that we

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Sir, if you were aware of the  
3 fact -- if you -- strike the question.

4 All right. You entered the  
5 property with Officer Song; correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you normally work with Officer  
8 Song at that time or was -- were you kind of just  
9 randomly assigned for this incident?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

11 But, Officer --

12 MR. WEST: If you understand the  
13 question.

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. We're on the  
15 same squad, but we -- we don't normally  
16 have the same position and the same team  
17 for every warrant every single day,  
18 but --

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Like was he possibly your partner  
21 or anything like that or just someone you happened  
22 to be next to at that time?

23 A. No. For that -- for that day, I  
24 believe he was -- to the best of my recollection,

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1 are trying to serve the warrant for, sir.

2 Q. Did you actually know where the  
3 door led before you entered it?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

5 THE WITNESS: That's -- you can't  
6 tell that, sir.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. So fair to say you didn't know  
9 where the door led before you entered it?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
11 Officer...

12 THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Is that one of the things that the  
15 reconnaissance team is supposed to figure out  
16 before someone knocks down a front door to where  
17 it leads?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
19 Officer, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: We can only base  
21 that, sir, to -- to what we observe from  
22 the outside, sir. So there's no way you  
23 would be able to know what's behind that  
24 door, sir.

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1 he was my partner for that -- for that shift.

2 Q. Okay. That's what I was trying to  
3 get at.

4 When -- it says somewhere in the  
5 records that he was your partner. Was that just  
6 specific for the day or was he your partner more  
7 than just that day?

8 A. It's always specific for the day.  
9 We -- we end up changing partners from time to  
10 time because sometimes like we have different  
11 operators that work on a shift.

12 Q. Okay. And in the context of how  
13 the SWAT unit would operate at that time, in this  
14 context, what does it mean to be a partner?

15 A. You're on the same team. What do  
16 you mean?

17 Q. I'm just wondering. So it says in  
18 the records that you and him were partners, and I  
19 am just wondering what all that would -- that  
20 would indicate.

21 A. So --

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

23 But, Officer, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: So when we serve the



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1 warrant, normally partners would end up  
2 on the same team, or if there's a  
3 barricade, we're going to be together in  
4 the same car, the same on the patrol log  
5 and stuff like that.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. So sir, just for reference,  
8 I will mark here as Hamoy-1 a copy of the search  
9 warrant and affidavit. This is Bates stamped as  
10 Defense 151, and I have highlighted where it says  
11 second floor rear, just for reference.

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13 (Whereupon, the document was  
14 marked, for identification purposes, as  
15 Exhibit Number Hamoy-1.)

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17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Sir, so you asked for a copy of the  
19 warrant. There's the warrant.

20 So sir, you can see that it  
21 specifically says it only applies to the second  
22 floor rear; correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
24 But, Officer, you can answer.

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1 Q. But based on your experience, what  
2 would be your interpretation of that?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
4 Officer, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: For me, if I've seen  
6 this warrant, I would probably -- if I  
7 was the supervisor, I would probably --  
8 again, you know, it's the supervisor's  
9 call, sir.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. But if you had seen this warrant  
12 and you knew there was a rear door, you probably  
13 would have gone through the rear door; is that  
14 correct?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
16 Officer, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Okay. Did you -- do you recall  
20 hearing the dog in Ms. Alvarado's apartment  
21 barking before the front door was breached?

22 A. No, I could not recall.

23 Q. Do you recall when you heard the  
24 dog bark, if you heard the bark at all?

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1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It says here,  
2 sir.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. Now, when you entered --

5 A. Do you want that back?

6 Q. You can keep it.

7 When you entered the property at 46  
8 -- 4664 Torresdale Avenue, did you enter the  
9 second floor rear apartment?

10 A. No, sir. We entered the front.

11 Q. Okay. Now, if you had been aware  
12 that there was a rear door to that building that  
13 was on its own street with its own entrance, and  
14 if you had been aware of the fact that the warrant  
15 applied only to the rear of the building, do you  
16 think that might have led you to believe that it  
17 would have been more appropriate to enter through  
18 the rear door rather than the front door in  
19 executing this warrant?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
21 Officer, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: That would be a  
23 supervisor's call, sir.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 A. I couldn't recall when.

2 Q. Okay. No problem.

3 Do you know who ordered the door to  
4 be breached, if anyone?

5 A. That would be the supervisor behind  
6 me. I don't know specifically who.

7 Q. All right, sir. So let me give you  
8 one more instruction. Your only -- I mean,  
9 subject to your attorney's instructions, your only  
10 obligation today is to give truthful testimony  
11 based on your personal knowledge.

12 A. Oh. Sorry about that.

13 Q. So I'm not going -- I'm not going  
14 to ask you to guess or speculate at any time.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Just let me -- I know sometimes,  
17 like at school, we get multiple -- multiple-option  
18 tests where you are supposed to answer every  
19 question. But if you don't know an answer, that's  
20 perfectly fine.

21 So do you, today, recall who, if  
22 anyone, ordered for Ms. Alvarado's front door to  
23 be breached?

24 A. I don't know specifically.

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1 Q. Okay. You don't recall it?  
 2 A. I don't recall.  
 3 Q. All right. If I told you that it  
 4 may have been Lieutenant Monk who ordered the  
 5 breach, does that refresh your recollection at  
 6 all?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 8 But, Officer, if you recall --  
 9 THE WITNESS: No, I would not. I  
 10 wouldn't know.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Have you ever heard of something  
 13 called the knock-and-announce rule?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. What is the knock-and-announce rule  
 16 in your experience?  
 17 A. We always knock and announce at  
 18 least three times before we wait for an order from  
 19 a supervisor to breach.  
 20 Q. Okay. And did you ever receive any  
 21 training as to how much time you should allow to  
 22 pass between, pursuant to the knock-and-announce  
 23 rule, between knocking on someone's front door and  
 24 breaching their property?

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1 A. To the best of my recollection,  
 2 reasonable time.  
 3 Q. Okay. And were you ever given any  
 4 guidance as to how much time should pass in order  
 5 for that be considered a reasonable amount of  
 6 time?  
 7 A. To the best of my recollection, at  
 8 least three times minimum.  
 9 Q. Okay. And besides knocking at  
 10 least three times, is there any particular passage  
 11 of time that should be allowed to pass?  
 12 A. I could not recall the specific  
 13 time, sir.  
 14 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any  
 15 training that the knock-and-announce rule might  
 16 apply to certain kinds of doors at a  
 17 multi-property residence, but not other kinds of  
 18 doors?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 21 THE WITNESS: No.  
 22 MR. WEST: Okay.  
 23 THE WITNESS: We normally knock on  
 24 the front door.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Right. So any time -- and based on  
 3 your training, any door on the outside of the  
 4 knock-and-announce -- sorry, strike the question.  
 5 In your -- in your understanding of  
 6 the policies and procedures of the Philadelphia  
 7 Police Department, based on your training, any  
 8 door on the outside of a multi-residence property  
 9 is subject to the knock-and-announce rule before  
 10 the SWAT team is allowed to enter; correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 Officer, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, that would be  
 14 correct.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. Okay. Can you recall at this time  
 17 how much time passed between, if any, between Ms.  
 18 Alvarado's front door being knocked on and her  
 19 door being knocked down with the SWAT unit ram?  
 20 A. I cannot recall it specifically,  
 21 sir.  
 22 Q. Do you recall whether or not it was  
 23 a reasonable amount of time?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 But, Officer...  
 2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It would be  
 3 reasonable, sir, to the best of my  
 4 recollection.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. But do you have any specific  
 7 recollection of that amount of time that passed?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 THE WITNESS: That, I do not.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Okay. Sir, I can represent to you  
 12 that there actually is third-party video of that  
 13 incident. It appears to show only a couple of  
 14 seconds passing.  
 15 Does that refresh your recollection  
 16 at all?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 THE WITNESS: No.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Were there any exigent  
 21 circumstances in effect in reference to the  
 22 warrant enforcement at the property of 4664  
 23 Torresdale Avenue, in your recollection?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

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1 Officer, you can answer if you can.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall  
 3 other than, to the best of my  
 4 recollection, we were serving a warrant  
 5 for -- for a homicide.  
 6 MR. WEST: Okay.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, to me,  
 8 that's -- you know, you are not -- you  
 9 are not serving a warrant on normal  
 10 human being.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Right. And in that situation,  
 13 because everyone is going to be on heightened  
 14 alert given the potential danger of the suspect,  
 15 it's all the more important for the reconnaissance  
 16 team to make sure they're sending you to the right  
 17 place; right?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Officer, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. That would make  
 21 sense.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. Did -- before Ms. Alvarado's  
 24 front door was -- was rammed open, did you hear

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1 any person's voice from inside the apartment?  
 2 A. Before?  
 3 Q. Yeah.  
 4 A. No.  
 5 Q. Okay. So just tell me everything  
 6 you can remember, if anything, of what happened  
 7 once that front door was rammed open.  
 8 A. To the -- to the best of my  
 9 recollection, the first that went in was Officer  
 10 Song and he made left and then I went straight to  
 11 the kitchen where I observed a female at -- way at  
 12 the back of the kitchen.  
 13 Q. Okay. And isn't it true that at  
 14 some point Officer Song shot a dog in the  
 15 apartment, but that your back was turned to  
 16 Officer Song at the time and you did not see the  
 17 shooting?  
 18 A. I did not see the shooting.  
 19 Q. Okay. But you could see the -- the  
 20 female who is Ms. Alvarado; correct?  
 21 A. Yes. She was at the -- at the  
 22 rear, at the back, at the kitchen.  
 23 Q. Okay. Please tell me everything  
 24 you can recall about Ms. Alvarado at that time.

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1 A. All I recall that when I was  
 2 approaching her to the kitchen, she raised her  
 3 hand. But that's the best of my recollection that  
 4 I can recall on that job.  
 5 Q. Okay. So she raised her hand in a  
 6 non-threatening manner to indicate surrender; is  
 7 that correct?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 9 But, Officer, you can answer if you  
 10 can.  
 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah,  
 12 non-threatening, yes.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Okay. And isn't it true that Ms.  
 15 Alvarado asked for an opportunity to put her dog  
 16 in its cage before it was shot?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 But, Officer --  
 19 THE WITNESS: I do not recall that,  
 20 no.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. You can't recall whether or  
 23 not she said that at this time?  
 24 A. I don't think so.

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1 Q. Okay. Do you recall anything  
 2 specifically that Ms. Alvarado said at that time?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. But do you recall that Ms. Alvarado  
 5 was speaking at that time?  
 6 A. I can't recall if -- what he said  
 7 -- she said.  
 8 Q. Okay. So you can recall that she  
 9 was speaking. You just don't remember what she  
 10 said; is that correct?  
 11 A. Yeah, that's correct.  
 12 Q. Okay. Isn't it true that Ms.  
 13 Alvarado was partially nude at that time?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 Officer, you can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: To the best of my  
 17 recollection, yes, but it's been a  
 18 while, yeah.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Did Ms. Alvarado in any way  
 21 act inappropriately or threateningly at any point  
 22 in any interaction you've ever had with her?  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 24 But, Officer, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall of.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Okay. To your understanding, was  
 4 Ms. Alvarado's apartment subject to the warrant  
 5 that we have shown you as Hamoy-1?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 7 Officer, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: At that time, yeah, I  
 9 was -- I was -- that was my -- that's  
 10 what my -- that was my belief, yeah.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Based on the fact that the  
 13 supervisor told you to break the door down?  
 14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 15 Officer...  
 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Did you have any other basis to  
 19 believe that Ms. Alvarado's apartment was subject  
 20 to this warrant?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 22 THE WITNESS: No.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Okay. And Ms. Alvarado's apartment

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1 was on the first floor; correct?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Okay. After the door was rammed  
 4 open, you could see inside of the apartment;  
 5 correct?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. And you could see that it was an  
 8 occupied area; correct?  
 9 A. Occupied, yes, by her.  
 10 Q. Okay. And so you knew that there  
 11 was an occupied area on the first floor at that  
 12 time; correct?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. So why did you enter that area even  
 15 though the warrant did not apply to the first  
 16 floor apartment?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Officer, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: That is the -- when  
 20 the door was breached, that's -- we went  
 21 inside and I didn't see any -- I didn't  
 22 see any -- like normally when you --  
 23 when you -- if it's like a multi -- you  
 24 know, multi-level house, normally

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1 there's like stairs and doors left and  
 2 right, but that one, it was straight to  
 3 the living room into the kitchen.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. So --  
 6 A. So there's --  
 7 Q. Wouldn't it have been reasonable  
 8 for you to understand at the moment the door was  
 9 breached that you had breached the door to the  
 10 wrong apartment?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 12 THE WITNESS: No, not -- not after  
 13 we're inside the property.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. What about the occupied area on the  
 16 first floor, if anything, led you to believe that  
 17 you had entered Apartment 2 on the second floor  
 18 rear?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer...  
 21 THE WITNESS: Once we -- once we  
 22 cleared that property, then I heard from  
 23 the supervisor that we need to go around  
 24 to the rear and I just followed

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1 instructions.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Let me see if I have a photo. If  
 4 you can just give me a moment.  
 5 Did you hear Officer Song say  
 6 anything about the dog shooting?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 Q. Did you hear Officer Song say  
 9 anything prior to shooting the dog?  
 10 A. No.  
 11 Q. All right, sir. This is a photo.  
 12 It's actually dated here. It was taken from  
 13 Google Maps on May 15th of this year.  
 14 MR. WEST: We'll mark this as  
 15 Hamoy-2.  
 16 - - -  
 17 (Whereupon, the document was  
 18 marked, for identification purposes, as  
 19 Exhibit Number Hamoy-2.)  
 20 - - -  
 21 MR. WEST: And Adam, I didn't make  
 22 new copies.  
 23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: That's fine.  
 24 MR. WEST: This is the same photo

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1 we use all the time.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'll share -- I'll  
 3 share it with him. That's fine.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Officer Hamoy, so if you could just  
 6 take a moment to orient yourself with that  
 7 photograph and let me know once you have had a  
 8 chance to look at it and proceed.  
 9 A. Yup.  
 10 Q. Okay. Do you recognize what that's  
 11 a photograph of?  
 12 A. Yeah, the property of 4658.  
 13 Q. 4664 Torresdale Avenue?  
 14 A. Oh, sorry. Yeah, 4664.  
 15 Q. Could you mark with a yellow  
 16 highlighter the building that you believe was 4664  
 17 Torresdale?  
 18 A. Just circle it? (Witness complies)  
 19 Q. Yes, just circle the building  
 20 because there's more than one in that picture.  
 21 Okay. So the building that you've  
 22 circled with the yellow highlighter, is that the  
 23 building that was breached by the SWAT unit on  
 24 June 4, 2021?

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1 A. To the best of my recollection,  
 2 yes. But I think it's also on the recon sheet,  
 3 right, paperwork there.  
 4 Q. But this is consistent with your  
 5 recollection of what it looked like; correct?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. And there's a front door in this  
 8 yellow, highlighted, circled area; correct?  
 9 A. Yes.  
 10 Q. And that's the front door that --  
 11 that you and Officer Song and other SWAT unit  
 12 members breached; correct?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Sir, I want you to just carefully  
 15 look at that picture at this time, just carefully  
 16 review it. And after you've had a chance to very  
 17 carefully look at it, would you let me know is  
 18 there a second floor above that door?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's clearly --  
 22 you can see it from there.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Immediately -- immediately above

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1 that front door, is there a second floor?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 3 Officer...  
 4 THE WITNESS: Not immediately.  
 5 It's pushed back to the back.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Right. So you can see that  
 8 somewhere in that building there is a second  
 9 floor, but that -- that door itself leads to an  
 10 area that's only one floor tall; correct?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 12 Officer...  
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yup. Yes.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Now, looking at that carefully at  
 16 this time, do you believe that it would be  
 17 reasonable for someone to believe that that door  
 18 led directly to the second floor rear apartment?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 20 Officer, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. To my  
 22 experience, there are -- there are --  
 23 there are times that it leads to the  
 24 second apartment, yeah.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. Okay. But are there also times  
 3 where that door would have led to an occupied  
 4 first floor apartment?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 6 Officer, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. And pursuant to this warrant  
 10 that we have already marked as Hamoy-1, would you  
 11 and the SWAT unit have been legally allowed to  
 12 enter the first floor apartment --  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Officer, you can answer.  
 15 BY MR. WEST:  
 16 Q. -- in your -- in your understanding  
 17 of the Philadelphia policies and procedures?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 Officer...  
 20 THE WITNESS: Based on what I have  
 21 seen here and what was highlighted in  
 22 that warrant, I would -- as I said  
 23 before, I would have went up to the  
 24 rear. But that's me, though.

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1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. You would not have done it if you  
 3 had --  
 4 A. I would have went over to the rear,  
 5 yeah.  
 6 Q. Okay. All right, sir. I don't  
 7 think I have any further questions for you at this  
 8 time.  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Just a couple  
 10 follow-up, Officer.  
 11 - - -  
 12 EXAMINATION  
 13 - - -  
 14 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 15 Q. Did you see the rear of the door at  
 16 any time that you were out serving the warrant,  
 17 the rear door?  
 18 A. No because when we serve the  
 19 warrant, other than what we're told on the brief,  
 20 the rear normally goes the one to the rear. So  
 21 they are the only ones that's going to have -- be  
 22 able to serve the rear or whoever reconned the  
 23 job. So us as the entry team, we go straight to  
 24 where the supervisor wants us to be.

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 18 to any reproduction of this transcript,  
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1 Q. And then, Officer Hamoy, I just  
 2 want to direct your attention back to Hamoy-2.  
 3 Can you see the markings on the  
 4 front door in this picture?  
 5 A. No.  
 6 Q. Do you recall the way the front  
 7 door was marked today?  
 8 A. No. The -- no.  
 9 Q. Okay. That's all I have, unless  
 10 Keith has any follow-up.  
 11 MR. WEST: No, that's it. Thank  
 12 you very much for your time, sir.  
 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.  
 14 MR. WEST: I always hate having to  
 15 meet people for the first time like  
 16 this, so I hope you have a great day.  
 17 Okay.  
 18 THE WITNESS: This is my first  
 19 time.  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I'll walk you out.  
 21 - - -  
 22 (Whereupon, the videotape  
 23 deposition concluded at 11:08 a.m.  
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# EXHIBIT “S”



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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

SS:

APPLICATION FOR  
SEARCH WARRANT  
AND AFFIDAVIT

WARRANT CONTROL NO.

242513

ISSUED TO DISTRICT

Homicide

DATE OF APPLICATION

06-03-21

Det. Timothy Scally

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Hm

(Name and Address)

(Badge No.)

(District/Unit)

being duly sworn (or affirmed) before me according to law, deposes and says that there is probable cause to believe that certain property is evidence of or the fruit of a crime or is contraband or is unlawfully possessed or is otherwise subject to seizure, and is located at particular premises or in the possession of particular person as described below.

IDENTIFY ITEMS TO BE SEARCHED FOR AND SEIZED (Be as specific as possible): Any and all firearms, ammunition or other ballistic evidence clothing, including dark colored pants, dark belt, black, white and orange or red Runa sneakers, cellular phones and any and all other items deemed to be of evidentiary value to this investigation.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES AND/OR PERSONS TO BE SEARCHED (Street and No., Apt. No., Vehicle, Safe Deposit Box, etc.):

4664 Torresdale Ave. Phila. Pa. 19124, 2nd floor rear.

NAME OF OWNER, OCCUPANT OR POSSESSOR OF SAID PREMISES TO BE SEARCHED (If proper name is unknown, give alias and/or description):

Rajio Mirela, 2044 Bleigh Ave. Phila, Pa. 19152

VIOLATION OF (Describe conduct or specify statute):

Homicide

YEAR/DIST./COMPLAINT NO.

21-15-037016

PROBABLE CAUSE BELIEF IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES (See special instructions below):

See attached 75/52

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAPER (75-51) IF NECESSARY

☐ CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL PAPER IS USED.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNATURE OF AFFRANT

BADGE NO.

DISTRICT

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this

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day of June 21

COURT LOCATION

RESULT  
OF SEARCH

DATE AND TIME OF SEARCH

☐ A.M.  
☐ P.M.

ARREST

☐ Yes ☐ No

JUDGE'S DISPOSITION

☐ Disc ☐ Held for Court ☐ Further Hearing ☐ Fined or Committed

PROPERTY FILED

(If "No" list boundary below)

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE - INVENTORY MUST APPEAR ON ALL COPIES OF THE WARRANT.

I certify, under penalty of perjury and provisions of 18 Pa. C.S. § 6101(a) that this is a true and correct listing of all items seized.

OTHER OFFICERS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH

Signature of Person Seizing Property

Badge No.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS TO INVENTORY (Name and Address)

TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHEREAS, facts have been sworn to or affirmed before me by written affidavit(s) attached hereto from which I have found probable cause, I do authorize you to search the above described premises or person, and to seize, secure, inventory, and make return according to the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, the above described items.

This warrant should be served as soon as practicable but in no event

later than 9:00 A.M. June 5, 2021

and shall be served only during daytime hours of 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Issued under my hand this 3 day of June

2021, at 8:00 P.M. M o'clock, (issue time must be stated)

(SEAL)

(Signature of Issuing Authority)

Court location

Date Commission Expires

9/21/24

Title of Issuing Authority

Acorn

This warrant should be served as soon as practicable but in no event

later than \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M., 20 \_\_\_\_.

and may be served anytime during day or night.

Issued under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M o'clock, (issue time must be stated)

(Signature of Issuing Authority) (SEAL)

\*The issuing officer shall certify a date and time when this (2) days after issuance, 18 Pa. C.S. § 2005(d).

\*The issuing authority finds reasonable cause for issuing a warrant on the basis of additional reasonable cause set forth in the accompanying affidavits and wishes to issue a night-time search warrant; only this section shall be completed. 18 Pa. C.S. § 2005(e).

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**CONTINUATION OF APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT #242513 .**

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, at approximately 9:51pm, 15<sup>th</sup> District and SEPTA Police Officers responded to gunshots in the area of the Frankford Terminal, and observed the decedent, LH, 28/B/M suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his body on the highway outside of 5223 Frankford Avenue. RPC 1526 transported the victim to Temple Hospital. At 10:10pm, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead by Dr. Santora.

Philadelphia Police Crime Scene Unit personnel measured, sketched, photographed and processed the scene. Investigators located ballistics, blood and a firearm as evidence. A total of twenty three (23) FCCs were located, nine (9) FC 9mm lugers and fourteen (14) OMPC 9mm. one (1) projectile, one (1) lead fragment and one (1) copper fragment.

On Sunday, May 23, 2021 Dr. Chu of the Office of the Medical Examiner conducted a post-mortem examination on the remains of the Decedent, and determined the cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death Homicide.

Det. Anderson # 822 obtained video surveillance footage from the SEPTA Frankford Transportation Center that captured the shooting death of the Decedent. At approximately 9:49pm this footage depicts a light colored SUV traveling north on Frankford Avenue, and then making a right on Granite Street pulling over. Damage to the driver rear window of the SUV can be observed. The Decedent and another male (DP) are observed walking north on Frankford Avenue. As the males approach the corner of Frankford Avenue and Granite Street (in front of the Rainbow Shop at 5223 Frankford Avenue), the Offender exits the passenger side of the light colored SUV and shoots the Decedent, and the Decedent then collapses on the sidewalk. The Offender is a male with apparent braided hair, shirtless and wearing dark pants with light colored underwear or shorts above the waistband, and dark sneakers with a white logo. The Offender then goes back onto Granite Street. DP initially backs away, but is then observed running to the corner of Frankford Avenue and Granite Street where he fires multiple gunshots (muzzle flashes are observed) east on Granite Street in the direction of the Offender. DP then runs east on Granite Street with SEPTA Police in foot pursuit. (DP was subsequently apprehended at 1600 Pratt Street out of view of the camera)

On Monday, May 24, 2021, the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) contacted the Homicide Unit in reference to the shooting of LH at 5223 Frankford Avenue. An anonymous tipster called the RTCC with the information that a male known to the tipster as [REDACTED] committed the shooting. The tipster elaborated that Philadelphia Police stopped [REDACTED] on the 5200 block of Marlowe Street recently, but that he was not arrested. The tipster told RTCC that [REDACTED] drives a gold SUV and that, at the moment the tipster was on the phone with RTCC, that vehicle was on the 5200 block of Mulberry Street with several bullet holes in it. The tipster provided a Pennsylvania license plate for that vehicle: LHW-2868.

A BMV check showed that PA Tag# LHW-2868 is registered to a 2004 Suzuki belonging to [REDACTED], 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Detectives Domenic and Grace performed several checks and found that [REDACTED] PPN: 1005293 was stopped by Police on the 5200 block of Marlowe Street on April 5, 2021 (DC# 21-15-24065).

Detective Grace requested an ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader) check for Pennsylvania license plate LHW-2868. The results showed multiple positive results in close proximity to 4664

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A BMV check showed [REDACTED] to have a PA ID listing the address of 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

A check of Prison Release Data shows [REDACTED] was last released on 6/18/2020 to 4664 Torresdale Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

On June 2, 2021 the assigned spoke with Probation Officer Shannon who supervises [REDACTED] PPN 1005293. Officer Shannon has not met with [REDACTED] due to COVID protocols but last spoke to him on the telephone on May 5, 2021. Officer Shannon provided an address of 4664 Torresdale Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rear for [REDACTED].

The affiant is respectfully requesting that a search and seizure warrant be granted for the property at 4664 Torresdale Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rear, Philadelphia, PA 19124 to recover any firearms, ammunition or other ballistic evidence, clothing including dark colored pants, dark belt, black, white and orange or red Puma sneakers, cellular telephones, and any other items deemed to be of evidentiary value to this investigation.

*I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.*

Signature of Affiant

Badge

Unit

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscriber before me this

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Day of June 2021.

Signature of Issuing Authority

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# EXHIBIT “T”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Detective Francis Graf**

**Date:** September 28, 2023

**Case:** Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et al

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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FELISHATAY ALVARADO	:	JUNE TERM, 2022
	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al	:	NO. 1633

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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Videotaped Oral Deposition of  
DETECTIVE FRANCIS GRAF, taken at Victims' Recovery  
Law Center, The North American Building, 121 South  
Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
commencing at 10:15 a.m., before Denise Weller, a  
Professional Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public  
in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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1 testified as follows:

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3 EXAMINATION

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5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. Good morning, Detective Graf. My name is  
7 Keith West. I am one of the attorneys  
8 representing the plaintiff in this case, Ms.  
9 Alvarado. All right. You have already had a  
10 chance to speak with your attorney, you're  
11 prepared to proceed today, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Okay. And don't take anything -- you  
14 have probably been through a deposition before.  
15 We have a couple of standard questions that we  
16 have to ask everybody. It's not anything  
17 important to you.

18 Are you under the influence of any sort  
19 of medication, illness, substance, anything that  
20 would impair your ability to testify truthfully  
21 today?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. All right. Detective Graf, have  
24 you ever been in a deposition before?

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1 A. Okay.

2 Q. And please don't answer any questions  
3 unless you understand them. If you would like me  
4 to speak louder, more slowly, you need me to  
5 rephrase a question, anything like that, just let  
6 us know and we will try to again, be as  
7 accommodating as possible, okay?

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. All right. So Detective Graf, you're  
10 currently a homicide detective with the City of  
11 Philadelphia, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How long have you been a homicide  
14 detective?

15 A. 11 and a half years.

16 Q. All right. So right now it is -- right  
17 now it's 2023. So do you think that you became a  
18 homicide detective in about 200 -- what would that  
19 be, about 2011?

20 A. It was January of 2012.

21 Q. All right. And prior to that, what job  
22 did you have?

23 A. I was a detective at East Detective  
24 Division in Philadelphia.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How many times have you been deposed?

3 A. I would say maybe three.

4 Q. Okay. All right. So you have probably  
5 heard the basic outline of how we do these before.  
6 I will go through it quickly. If you have any  
7 additional questions or want any clarifications,  
8 let me know.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. As your attorney has told you, your only  
11 obligation today is to give truthful testimony  
12 based on your personal knowledge.

13 So we would ask for you not to guess or  
14 speculate at any time. But we want to know  
15 everything you know. So if you can estimate or  
16 approximate or if you don't have complete  
17 knowledge, that is good, just let us know that you  
18 are giving an estimate or approximation, okay?

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. And we don't intend for this to be an  
21 unnecessarily uncomfortable process, so if you  
22 would like to take a break, you know, want some  
23 more coffee or anything like that, just let us  
24 know, okay?

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1 Q. Okay. And what kind of cases would you  
2 handle there?

3 A. In the beginning when I first started  
4 working there I would -- basically anything that  
5 was not a homicide.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Or a sex offense.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. But the last seven years there I was  
10 assigned almost exclusively to non-fatal  
11 shootings.

12 Q. Okay. And how long did you have that  
13 job?

14 A. At Detective East?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. 12 years.

17 Q. Okay. Approximately when did you join  
18 the Philadelphia Police Department?

19 A. 1995.

20 Q. When you joined, what was your -- what  
21 was your original rank?

22 A. Police recruit. Actually, I worked for  
23 the City as a civilian dispatcher for three  
24 months. Then I was a police recruit and then a



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 police officer.</p> <p>2 Q. Were you -- basically what I am getting</p> <p>3 at is did you start as a patrol officer?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. So you have kind of gone all of</p> <p>6 the ranks up from patrol officer to homicide</p> <p>7 detective, right?</p> <p>8 A. I was a patrol officer for three years, a</p> <p>9 corporal for a year. And then I have been a</p> <p>10 detective since 1999.</p> <p>11 Q. Were you ever a sergeant or lieutenant?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And have you ever been a member of</p> <p>14 the SWAT Unit?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. When you were deposed previously, what</p> <p>17 were those three cases about?</p> <p>18 A. I just had one. I am trying to think</p> <p>19 what it was. It was during COVID. I am trying to</p> <p>20 think what case that was. I know one was</p> <p>21 definitely an auto accident.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay.</p> <p>23 A. I think two were auto accidents,</p> <p>24 actually. And the last one -- I am trying to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 A. I have been a defendant in a lawsuit, but</p> <p>2 that was eventually dropped when it went to trial.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Were you deposed in that case?</p> <p>4 A. I don't recall being deposed.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. Could you tell me generally what</p> <p>6 that case was about?</p> <p>7 A. It was an arrest made by the narcotics</p> <p>8 drug force.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay.</p> <p>10 A. I handled the case. I was the assigned</p> <p>11 detective to the case.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Just generally, was this related</p> <p>13 to -- there's been kind of a series of cases in</p> <p>14 Philadelphia about there was a narcotics unit back</p> <p>15 in -- back of a number of years ago that has been</p> <p>16 alleged --</p> <p>17 A. It had nothing to do with that.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. So this is a separate narcotics</p> <p>19 issue?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Fine. All right. Detective Graf,</p> <p>22 this case involves a warrant informant --</p> <p>23 enforcement action back in June 2021 at a property</p> <p>24 located on Torresdale Avenue.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 think what case that was. It was from homicide.</p> <p>2 It was a homicide case. But I don't recall what</p> <p>3 the -- oh, I'm sorry. It was a person was killed</p> <p>4 inside of an apartment building. And the family</p> <p>5 was suing the apartment complex.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. I am trying to think if that might</p> <p>7 have actually been one of our cases. Because we</p> <p>8 handle a lot of crime victim cases. Your name</p> <p>9 comes up a lot just reading records. I don't</p> <p>10 remember if we ever --</p> <p>11 A. I am trying to think. It was a woman</p> <p>12 that got killed. I can't think of her name.</p> <p>13 Q. It might have been with David</p> <p>14 Thiruselvam. It doesn't matter. All right,</p> <p>15 Detective. So -- but you have never been a</p> <p>16 defendant in a 1983 action?</p> <p>17 A. 1983?</p> <p>18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.</p> <p>19 Detective, if you know what that is.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I don't know what that</p> <p>21 is.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. That's fine. You have never been a</p> <p>24 defendant in a lawsuit?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 Do you have any recollection of this case</p> <p>2 at all today?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And did you have a chance to</p> <p>5 review any documents or materials in preparation</p> <p>6 for today's testimony?</p> <p>7 A. I reviewed my statement to internal</p> <p>8 affairs shooting.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Did you review any video?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you -- are you aware if there is any</p> <p>12 video of this enforcement action at all?</p> <p>13 A. Not that I am aware of.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Did you -- did you review any</p> <p>15 other documents besides your own statement?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. All right. I premarked your statement as</p> <p>18 Graf-1. It's right next to you. You can take a</p> <p>19 look. Look at it real quick. We will start off</p> <p>20 going over that.</p> <p>21 Do you recall today giving this statement</p> <p>22 on June 17th of 2021?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Outside of reading the statement, do you</p>

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1 have any recollection of being involved in a  
2 warrant enforcement action for the address 4664  
3 Torresdale Avenue?

4 A. Can you repeat?

5 Q. Yes, absolutely. I am just wondering, do  
6 you -- is your recollection limited to reviewing  
7 this document or do you have any memory of this  
8 incident separate from what you just read on the  
9 paper?

10 A. I recall being present.

11 Q. Okay. And in this statement, I will read  
12 from the second page of the packet, Bates stamped  
13 Defense 69. "On June 2nd, 2021, I spoke to  
14 Probation Officer Shannon of Philadelphia  
15 Probation and Parole, who supervises" -- and it's  
16 blocked off, but I can represent the name there is  
17 [REDACTED].

18 Do you actually have any recollection of  
19 that conversation today?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Did you know that [REDACTED] had  
22 been on house arrest?

23 A. I don't recall that. I won't say yes or  
24 no. I don't remember.

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1 Q. Okay. Are you aware -- strike the  
2 question.

3 In your experience if a suspect had been  
4 placed on house arrest, would that mean that  
5 someone from the Probation or Parole Office had,  
6 by necessity, made a physical inspection of the  
7 house?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.

9 But Detective, if you know, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't  
11 know their procedures.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. So in your many years of  
14 experience with the Philadelphia Police  
15 Department, you have never been educated as far as  
16 what the procedures of the Philadelphia Probation  
17 and Parole Office are?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

19 But Detective, you can answer.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't know what  
21 their procedures -- I can only assume. I  
22 don't know what their actual procedures are.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge whether

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1 anybody from the Philadelphia Probation and Parole  
2 Office had made an inspection of [REDACTED]  
3 residence?

4 A. I do not.

5 Q. Did you ever ask anyone if that had  
6 happened?

7 A. No, not that I recall.

8 Q. Okay. You obtained the address 4664  
9 Torresdale Avenue, second floor rear, from Mr.  
10 [REDACTED] probation officer; is that correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. All right. And are you basing that just  
13 on the statement you gave, the statement here or  
14 do you have any specific recollection of doing  
15 that?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 But go ahead, Detective.

18 THE WITNESS: I mean, I remember the  
19 conversation I had with the probation  
20 officer.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I am sure I recorded this information  
24 somewhere. I mean, this was also the day prior to

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1 obtaining the warrant.

2 Q. And you had that conversation in order to  
3 gather information to prepare warrants to go to  
4 Mr. [REDACTED] house, correct?

5 A. Well, there -- I would -- I don't have an  
6 independent recollection of this. But I also --  
7 we sometimes use probation officers or parole  
8 agents to view video of people to possibly make an  
9 identification. In this case I don't know that  
10 she had met with Mr. [REDACTED]. It was all based during  
11 COVID. So a lot of this was due to COVID  
12 protocols.

13 Q. Okay. Did you ask parole officer --  
14 probation -- strike the question.

15 Did you ask Probation Officer Shannon to  
16 view any video related to this investigation?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. So what information did you ask  
19 Probation Officer Shannon for related to this  
20 investigation?

21 A. We would ask for an address, possibly a  
22 phone number.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I don't remember independently asking.

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1 Based on my experience, that is what I would  
2 usually ask.

3 Q. Okay. And when you ask a probation  
4 officer for a suspect's address, would you  
5 normally also ask the probation officer how to  
6 access the address? How to enter the address?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
8 Detective, if you know.

9 THE WITNESS: I don't recall ever  
10 asking that of a probation officer. In this  
11 case the probation officer had never been  
12 there.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. At least that's what I was told.

16 Q. So why were you gathering this  
17 information? For what purpose?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
19 But Detective, if you understand.

20 THE WITNESS: Well, we were  
21 eventually going to serve a warrant at the  
22 property. And he is also a suspect in a  
23 homicide. So we were going to talk -- if  
24 the person is on probation or parole, we

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1 whatever information I have. Which I did in  
2 this case.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Uh-huh. The question I am asking you  
5 right now, Detective Graf is, in order to enforce  
6 a warrant, does the SWAT Unit need to know how to  
7 enter the residence described in the warrant?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
9 Detective, to the extent you know.

10 THE WITNESS: Well, they would make  
11 that determination. I mean, we are going to  
12 give them the information we have. And in  
13 this case they went through the front door.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Okay. So --

16 A. I had no knowledge that there was a rear  
17 entry to this property.

18 Q. Okay. And you simply didn't know there  
19 was a rear door, correct?

20 A. Well, I didn't know there was a rear  
21 door. But there's a rear door that leads to the  
22 second floor on the first floor. The property had  
23 a front door with two mailboxes. In my  
24 experience, almost always if there is a second

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1 would usually speak to the person who was  
2 supervising. I mean, there's other things  
3 that we did here also.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Was it your job to gather information to  
6 give to the SWAT Unit so that they would know how  
7 to enter Mr. [REDACTED] residence to enforce the  
8 warrant?

9 A. SWAT usually does their own  
10 reconnaissance of a property. If we do know, you  
11 know, sometimes it's an apartment building or  
12 something like that. But I give them as much  
13 information as I have.

14 Q. Okay. So in order to determine how to --  
15 strike the question. I will lay a foundation.

16 In order to enforce a warrant, is it true  
17 that the SWAT Unit would need to know how to enter  
18 the residence?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
20 Detective, if you can say.

21 THE WITNESS: I mean, how? They  
22 will determine how they will enter a  
23 residence. They are the ones that are  
24 making the entry. I will provide them with

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1 floor apartment, you make the entry through the  
2 front door. There's usually a door that leads to  
3 the first floor apartment and stairs that go to  
4 the second floor.

5 I have never -- in my recollection, I  
6 never encountered going in through the rear of the  
7 property like that.

8 Q. I understand. But for the building  
9 located at 4664 Torresdale Avenue, you didn't know  
10 that there was a rear door, correct?

11 A. I didn't know until the day of the  
12 warrant.

13 Q. Until after --

14 A. The warrant was served.

15 Q. After the warrant was served, that is  
16 when you first learned there was a rear door,  
17 correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Okay. Did you know that -- okay. Strike  
20 the question.

21 So 4664 Torresdale Avenue, you knew there  
22 was a door on Torresdale Avenue; is that correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Did you know whether or not there was

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1 also an alleyway leading to the property?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 3 Detective, if you understand.  
 4 THE WITNESS: No.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. You didn't know that, correct?  
 7 A. I mean, I didn't check the alleyway --  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same --  
 9 THE WITNESS: -- but I didn't.  
 10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. So in your years of experience with the  
 13 Philadelphia Police Department, have you ever  
 14 received any training as far as how warrants  
 15 should be enforced at multi-residence properties?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 17 But Detective, if you know, you can say.  
 18 THE WITNESS: Not to my  
 19 recollection.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Okay. And to make sure you understand  
 22 the point of the question -- well, let me ask this  
 23 question.  
 24 So was the warrant -- this is a new

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1 question.  
 2 Was the warrant at issue in this  
 3 operation valid for the entire building at 4664  
 4 Torresdale Avenue or for only a portion thereof?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 6 Detective, you can answer.  
 7 THE WITNESS: So in a warrant where  
 8 there is apartments, we are going to try to  
 9 be as specific as possible. So various  
 10 things -- like, I believe Mr. [REDACTED] driver's  
 11 license was just for that residence. And  
 12 then he had a prison release that was for  
 13 the second floor.  
 14 The most specific information we had  
 15 was from the probation officer that it was  
 16 second floor rear. So my recollection is  
 17 that the search warrant was for second floor  
 18 rear.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. So if the search warrant  
 21 specifically said Apartment 2, second floor rear,  
 22 would that -- actually, strike the question. Let  
 23 me lay a foundation.  
 24 So based on what you just said, Detective

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1 Graf, did the search warrant in this case permit  
 2 the police officers, members of the SWAT unit,  
 3 anyone else related to the Philadelphia Police  
 4 Department, to enter the entire building at 4664  
 5 Torresdale Avenue or only a portion thereof?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 But Detective, you can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Well, it gives  
 9 permission to enter the building. And then  
 10 go to the specific, you know, apartment or  
 11 whatever that was outlined in the warrant.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Right.  
 14 A. I mean --  
 15 Q. And under that warrant, were the officers  
 16 allowed to enter other apartments that happened to  
 17 be in the same building?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 19 But Detective, you can answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: No.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. So as the Philadelphia Police  
 23 Department, including its SWAT Unit, were planning  
 24 this operation, was there any training that was

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1 made available by the police department that would  
 2 help the officers to make sure that they were  
 3 planning this operation in such a way that they  
 4 wouldn't enter the wrong apartment?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 6 Detective, you can answer, if you can.  
 7 THE WITNESS: I don't recall ever  
 8 any training in what you're --  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Okay.  
 11 A. But SWAT has different training. I  
 12 don't -- I think a lot of what SWAT does is based  
 13 upon -- I don't want to speak for them. They are  
 14 going to go -- we are going to provide the address  
 15 that we are going to go to. They will verify that  
 16 we have that information.  
 17 You know, they will check our warrants  
 18 prior to going. How they make their entry, I  
 19 don't -- you know, they have to do it the most  
 20 safe way. I don't know what the training they  
 21 get.  
 22 Q. Okay. And if there were multiple doors  
 23 that entered into the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 24 property, was it exclusively the responsibility of

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1 the SWAT Unit to decide which door to enter  
2 through or did you play some role in making that  
3 decision?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
5 Detective, if you know.

6 THE WITNESS: Usually the SWAT  
7 determines how they will make their entry,  
8 because they are the ones going in.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. I can just represent to you that  
11 many of the SWAT Unit members that we have deposed  
12 in this case said that that was your  
13 responsibility. Is there any -- is there any  
14 truth to that, in your experience?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
16 representation of testimony. But Detective,  
17 you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Well, if I'm going  
19 with SWAT, I am going to provide them all of  
20 the information that I have. Now, if I know  
21 that there's a specific -- if I did know  
22 there was a specific way to enter a  
23 property, then I will provide that to them.  
24 But ultimately, they are the ones that go in

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection. But  
2 Detective?

3 THE WITNESS: I don't know who. I  
4 don't know a name.

5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. All right. So I will read from the  
7 bottom of Defense 70. This is the second to last  
8 page from the packet marked as Graf-1.

9 The question was asked, at least  
10 according to this, "Was there any discussion about  
11 how to access the second floor rear apartment of  
12 4664 Torresdale Avenue at any time?"

13 Answer, "The SWAT officers asked if I  
14 knew the layout of the property. I told them I  
15 did not know the interior layout."

16 Looking at that, do you believe that this  
17 correctly states what you told the officer when  
18 you gave this statement -- when you told the  
19 detective when you gave this statement?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
21 But Detective, to the best of your  
22 recollection.

23 MR. WEST: Yeah, I will reask the  
24 question.

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1 first. So they are going to make the  
2 determination of how they go in. We wait  
3 while they make their entry.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Were you present at the staging area  
6 prior to the execution of the warrant?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was there a briefing given by the SWAT  
9 Unit prior to this operation?

10 A. We usually meet with the SWAT supervisor.  
11 I know that I did speak to someone from SWAT.  
12 They verified the warrant. I believe there was a  
13 question about the interior layout, which we had  
14 no knowledge of.

15 Q. Okay. Who raised the question about the  
16 interior layout?

17 A. I believe SWAT asked that question. I  
18 don't know who it was. I don't know the  
19 specifics. It's usually a supervisor that we  
20 speak to. Sometimes it's hard to tell who the  
21 supervisor is, because they are all dressed in  
22 tactical uniforms.

23 Q. Okay. And do you recall specifically who  
24 raised that question?

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. So looking at this now, do you believe  
3 that this statement correctly memorializes what  
4 you told the detective when you gave this  
5 statement to internal affairs?

6 A. This is what -- what I said here is what  
7 I said to --

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. -- at the interview?

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And then just reading on was  
13 there -- question, "Was there any discussion about  
14 how to access the second floor rear apartment of  
15 4664 Torresdale Avenue at any time?" Answer,  
16 "Just what I stated about the interior layout."  
17 That's accurate?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. All right. So at the staging area,  
20 members of the SWAT Unit stated prior to the  
21 enforcement action, that they didn't know what the  
22 interior of the property is; is that correct?

23 A. We would have no way of knowing what the  
24 interior is.

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1 Q. But Detective, if you can answer the  
2 question I asked.

3 A. I only spoke to one person.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And if they are asking me that question,  
6 I am assuming that they don't know the interior  
7 layout, if they are asking me.

8 Q. Okay. And normally, would you speak with  
9 the supervisor or a different member of the SWAT?

10 A. Usually it's a supervisor.

11 Q. Okay. I believe I can represent to you  
12 that so far all of the testimony we have had in  
13 this case, the supervisors were Lieutenant Monk  
14 and Sergeant Mellody. Do you know -- does that  
15 refresh your recollection whether you might have  
16 spoke with Lieutenant Monk or Sergeant Mellody or  
17 someone else?

18 A. I don't -- it would have been -- we  
19 usually talk to the supervisor. I don't remember  
20 who it was.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Usually it's the sergeant, but sometimes  
23 it's the lieutenant. They always -- it's twofold.  
24 We will provide whatever information we have. But

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1 they also want to verify their location that they  
2 are -- that we have the proper location that they  
3 are going to on the warrant.

4 Q. All right. In any case, it was your  
5 personal experience that prior to the enforcement  
6 operation, the SWAT Unit supervisor expressed to  
7 you that they didn't know what the interior layout  
8 of the building was and you said you didn't know  
9 either, correct?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
11 Go ahead.

12 THE WITNESS: They asked me what the  
13 interior -- I can't speak for what they knew  
14 or what they didn't. They asked me what the  
15 interior layout was.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Was anything else discussed at the  
18 staging area prior to executing the search  
19 warrant?

20 A. I don't recall, no.

21 Q. All right. And do you have any  
22 recollection at all of who you spoke with at the  
23 staging area?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did the suspect, Mr. [REDACTED] have a cell  
2 phone?

3 A. When?

4 Q. At any point, to your knowledge.

5 A. He's still at large. So I don't --  
6 when -- I don't -- when did he possess a cell  
7 phone or?

8 Q. All right. I will ask a different  
9 question.

10 At the time that you were gathering  
11 information related to the warrant to enter Mr.  
12 [REDACTED] believed residence, did you investigate  
13 whether or not Mr. [REDACTED] had a cell phone?

14 A. I'm sure I did. But I don't recall if he  
15 had a cell phone or if I had a cell phone number  
16 for him.

17 Q. You don't today recall making any effort  
18 to obtain information with regards to whether or  
19 not he had a cell phone; is that correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
21 Detective, if you know.

22 THE WITNESS: No. I mean, as part  
23 of the investigative process I am going to  
24 try to attempt to see if he has a phone

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1 number. I don't recall if we ever  
2 accomplished that in this case.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Did you ever request a warrant to track  
5 his cell phone number?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
7 form and relevance. Go ahead, Detective.

8 THE WITNESS: I don't know if we had  
9 a cell phone number for him. And no, I did  
10 not.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Did you attempt to locate any social  
13 media sites for Mr. [REDACTED]?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
15 But, Detective?

16 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Have you ever obtained any IP addresses  
19 for computers used by Mr. [REDACTED]?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
21 Detective, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Did anyone conduct any physical



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 surveillance of the residence located at 4664 2 Torresdale Avenue?</p> <p>3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the 4 form. Detective, if you understand.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: No. Not to my 6 knowledge. No.</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Did you personally ever visit the 9 property at 4664 Torresdale Avenue prior to 10 meeting at the staging area?</p> <p>11 A. So we obtained this warrant late the day 12 prior. It was late in the evening. On my way 13 home, I did drive by the residence -- the 14 residence.</p> <p>15 Q. Was that at nighttime?</p> <p>16 A. It could have been -- it was either 17 late -- I guess it was we served the warrant the 18 4th, I believe. So the night we got the warrant, 19 it could have been late like 11:00 p.m.'ish or it 20 could have been early morning the next day. But 21 this was prior to the morning that we executed the 22 warrant.</p> <p>23 Q. And you only drove by on Torresdale 24 Avenue, correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 previously been marked as Scott-4. We will mark 2 this as Graf-2.</p> <p>3 - - -</p> <p>4 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-2 was 5 marked for identification.)</p> <p>6 - - -</p> <p>7 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>8 Q. If you could look at that document, sir. 9 Is this -- is this a screen shot of the website 10 that you accessed or do you mean something else?</p> <p>11 A. So we have two ways to access. There's 12 the general public way to access, but we also have 13 our own real estate data base. So I don't recall 14 which one we used.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. I can represent to you this is 16 publicly available.</p> <p>17 A. No. No. I'm saying we have two 18 different ways that we can use the public. We 19 have our own database too also, that is not public 20 through the police department, which basically 21 provides the same information. That is why I 22 don't know if this is the one we used or the 23 one --</p> <p>24 Q. Does the database that is available to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 A. Correct.</p> <p>2 Q. Did you ever look to Google Maps or any 3 other similar technology to try to find where the 4 property was physically located?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. So the Google photo, my recollection it 8 was from 2019, which is one of the reasons why I 9 drove past to verify if it was still what the 10 Google Maps photo depicted.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Did you use any other technology 12 to try to find out physically what the property 13 looked like?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form. 15 But Detective --</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Besides Google Maps.</p> <p>18 A. I mean, other than a real estate check, I 19 don't recall anything else.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. When you say real estate check, 21 what do you mean?</p> <p>22 A. We do a check on Philadelphia Real Estate 23 website to see who the owner of the property is.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. I have a document -- this has</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 you and not public have additional information 2 beyond what is available to the public?</p> <p>3 A. I don't think it -- if it does, it would 4 be minimal.</p> <p>5 Q. So this, as you can see here, lists the 6 owner of the property. Did you attempt to contact 7 the owner of the property and ask how the second 8 floor rear apartment could be accessed?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. In your normal practice, would you ever 11 contact a property owner of a multi-residence 12 property to ask how an apartment could be accessed 13 in order to enforce a warrant?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form. 15 But Detective, you can say if you know.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I mean, it has been 17 done in a larger -- like an apartment 18 complex we may. Sometimes that is just to 19 obtain like keys, you know, if it's, you 20 know, you know, like they have their own 21 special codes or whatever to enter the 22 property.</p> <p>23 So it has been done, yes, but not in 24 a smaller -- I've never -- there's a few</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 reasons why. Because we don't know what the</p> <p>2 relationship is of the owner with the</p> <p>3 tenant. We don't want them to tip them off.</p> <p>4 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>5 Q. To your knowledge, does the City of</p> <p>6 Philadelphia have any policy or procedure about</p> <p>7 whether property managers or property owners</p> <p>8 should be contacted when you're preparing to</p> <p>9 enforce a warrant at a multi-residence property</p> <p>10 and don't know the physical layout of the</p> <p>11 property?</p> <p>12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.</p> <p>13 Detective, if you know.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge of</p> <p>15 that.</p> <p>16 MR. WEST: Okay. If you guys would</p> <p>17 give me a moment. I have a document that I</p> <p>18 need to provide you -- let's go off the</p> <p>19 record for a second -- that I can't seem to</p> <p>20 find here.</p> <p>21 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Going off the</p> <p>22 record at 10:50 a.m.</p> <p>23 - - -</p> <p>24 (Whereupon, a brief recess was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Are these the Google Map pictures that</p> <p>3 you got or are these different?</p> <p>4 A. That's hard to tell.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And I have to tell you, the</p> <p>6 quality of the picture that says target is not</p> <p>7 very good. But this is one that was produced to</p> <p>8 us. Besides these types of pictures, so one that</p> <p>9 is an outside view from Torresdale Avenue and an</p> <p>10 overview map, were there any other kinds of Google</p> <p>11 Map pictures that you got related to this</p> <p>12 investigation?</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.</p> <p>14 Detective, if you know.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I don't remember.</p> <p>16 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>17 Q. Nothing that you can recall, correct?</p> <p>18 A. Right.</p> <p>19 Q. All right. Let's mark this as Graf-4.</p> <p>20 - - -</p> <p>21 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-4 was</p> <p>22 marked for identification.)</p> <p>23 - - -</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 taken.)</p> <p>2 - - -</p> <p>3 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: We are going</p> <p>4 back on the record at 10:53 a.m.</p> <p>5 - - -</p> <p>6 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-3 was</p> <p>7 marked for identification.)</p> <p>8 - - -</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. All right, sir. So I have handed you a</p> <p>11 packet of documents marked as Graf-3. If you take</p> <p>12 a moment to review those. And then let me know</p> <p>13 when you have had a chance to look at them.</p> <p>14 A. Okay.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. Detective Graf, could you</p> <p>16 tell us what these documents are, if you know?</p> <p>17 A. I've never seen one before. But it</p> <p>18 states that it is a SWAT Unit recon sheet.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. But this is not something you</p> <p>20 would normally see?</p> <p>21 A. No. I never seen this before.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. So if we look in a couple of</p> <p>23 pages, we have a map and a photograph that says</p> <p>24 target on it, right?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Q. Do you know what this is -- do you know</p> <p>2 what this is?</p> <p>3 A. It looks like it's an overview of the</p> <p>4 area of the target residence.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. It looks like Google Maps overview</p> <p>6 photograph of 4664 Torresdale Avenue; is that</p> <p>7 correct?</p> <p>8 A. I mean, not specifically just 46. I</p> <p>9 mean, it's an area here. Half the block.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. As of June 2021, when you're doing</p> <p>11 investigations for warrant enforcement actions,</p> <p>12 would you normally get a Google Maps overview</p> <p>13 picture like this?</p> <p>14 A. I don't recall doing an overview of --</p> <p>15 for this specific case.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Is that something that you would</p> <p>17 have normally done back then?</p> <p>18 A. I don't recall ever doing the overview.</p> <p>19 I don't want to say that I didn't for a warrant.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you ever receive any training from</p> <p>21 the Philadelphia Police Department with regards to</p> <p>22 what the policies and procedures of the</p> <p>23 Philadelphia Police Department were in conducting</p> <p>24 an investigation preparatory to a warrant</p>

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1 enforcement action at a private residence?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 3 But Detective, if you know.  
 4 THE WITNESS: I don't remember  
 5 specific training. But we do have policies  
 6 in obtaining a warrant.  
 7 BY MR. WEST:  
 8 Q. Okay. Did any of those policies, to your  
 9 personal knowledge, involve obtaining information  
 10 with regards to the physical layout of a  
 11 residential property before an enforcement action?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 13 Detective, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: The interior are we  
 15 talking about?  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. I'm asking the question generally.  
 18 Anything related to the physical location and  
 19 nature of a property.  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 21 But Detective, if you know.  
 22 THE WITNESS: I don't recall  
 23 specifically what's in our policies. But of  
 24 course we are going to want to know what we

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1 are -- what the property is. I mean,  
 2 sometimes that is laid out even on the  
 3 search warrant what it is, if it's a two  
 4 story masonry home. Or we, you know, you  
 5 try to make a physical check. But when I  
 6 became a detective we didn't have Google  
 7 Maps either. So now we have an option to  
 8 actually look on Google Maps and see  
 9 properties.  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. But as of June 2021 Google Maps had  
 12 existed for many years, correct?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 14 Detective, if you know.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I am sure it has, was,  
 16 did. I do remember that the photo from  
 17 Google Maps, though, was from 2019, if I am  
 18 not mistaken.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. Pursuant to the policies of the  
 21 City of Philadelphia Police Department, when  
 22 you're trying to obtain information about a  
 23 residential property, are you supposed to figure  
 24 out how many doors lead into the property?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 2 Detective, if you know.  
 3 THE WITNESS: I don't know that that  
 4 is a specific policy.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Are you supposed to learn how many  
 7 streets have entrances to the property?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 9 But Detective, if you know.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know that to  
 11 be a specific policy.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Okay. If you had seen this Google Maps  
 14 overview map, would that have led you to  
 15 understand that the building had access, not only  
 16 on Torresdale Avenue, but also from an alleyway  
 17 off of Margaret Street?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 19 Detective, to the extent you know.  
 20 THE WITNESS: Does it show me that?  
 21 Yes. But most buildings have access through  
 22 the rear.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. I am just asking with regards to this

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1 specific property, if you had looked at his  
 2 specific map that we have marked as Graf-4, would  
 3 that have led you to understand that there was  
 4 rear access to this building from an alleyway off  
 5 of Margaret Street?  
 6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Well, that's what this  
 8 depicts, yes.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. And you didn't know that prior to the  
 11 enforcement action, correct?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 13 Detective, you can answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: I didn't know what the  
 15 access was to the rear of this property.  
 16 But again, most properties have access to  
 17 the rear and doors in the rear, most.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. All right. All right, sir. I will mark  
 20 some documents as Graf-5.  
 21 - - -  
 22 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-5 was  
 23 marked for identification.)  
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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Sir, so these documents are titled home  
3 investigation interview. And I can represent to  
4 you that these were produced to us by a woman  
5 named Jaclyn Matteo-Hand who works for the  
6 Philadelphia Probation and Parole Office.

7 Have you ever spoken with Jaclyn  
8 Matteo-Hand?

9 A. No.

10 Q. So a portion of this is highlighted,  
11 actually was highlighted during her deposition.  
12 And can you see that it says the address rear  
13 apartment and then it actually specifically says  
14 you have to go up the alleyway to knock on the  
15 door. Do you see that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. If you had known that when the Probation  
18 and Parole Office had conducted an investigation  
19 of Mr. [REDACTED] apartment they had learned that the  
20 access was through the alleyway, and if you had  
21 seen this Google Map overview that we have marked  
22 as Graf-4, would that have led you to understand  
23 that the proper entrance point to Mr. [REDACTED]  
24 apartment was through the alleyway off Margaret

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1 Street?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
3 of the question. Detective, if you  
4 understand and you know, you can answer.

5 THE WITNESS: So if I had access to  
6 Google Maps and this information?

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. So if you had access to Google  
11 Maps and had spoken with the probation officer,  
12 you would have known how to do the job correctly?

13 A. I did speak to his probation officer.

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
15 form.

16 THE WITNESS: I spoke to the  
17 supervising probation officer who did not  
18 supply this information to me.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Nor did you ask her if they had conducted  
21 an investigation of the property, correct?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
23 Detective, you can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: I did. She said she

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1 had never been there. I don't have access  
2 to the information that she has. I spoke to  
3 the person who was the supervisor, who said  
4 she had never been to his residence, did not  
5 supply this information.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. However, you did not specifically ask if  
8 there had been an inspection of this property  
9 correct?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection as asked  
11 and answered and to the form. Detective,  
12 you can answer again.

13 THE WITNESS: I asked her, yes.  
14 Because she gave the answer that she hadn't  
15 been there.

16 MR. WEST: I believe that  
17 contradicts your prior testimony. If you  
18 can mark this as Graf-6.

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And objection on  
20 the record to the characterization of the  
21 the Detective's testimony.

22 - - -

23 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-6 was  
24 marked for identification.)

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2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Do you know what these records are? Is  
4 this something that you recognize?

5 A. No. I don't recognize this.

6 Q. If the Philadelphia Police Department is  
7 trying to enforce -- strike the question.

8 If the Philadelphia Police Department is  
9 planning to enforce a warrant at the residence of  
10 a person who is under probation or parole, in your  
11 experience, will the Philadelphia Police  
12 Department normally coordinate with the probation  
13 and parole officer to try to learn as much  
14 information as possible about the suspect's  
15 physical residence?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
17 form of the question. Detective, if you  
18 understand, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: Can you be more  
20 specific?

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Sure. To your knowledge, does the  
23 Philadelphia Police Department have any policy  
24 with regards to whether a detective should contact

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1 a suspect's probation officer to learn all of the  
2 information available about a probation officer's  
3 physical residence if the suspect is on probation?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
5 form of the question. Detective, you can  
6 answer, if you can.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't know if  
8 there's a policy on that. In my experience,  
9 that is what I do, which I did do in this  
10 case, I contacted his probation officer.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. But to your knowledge --

13 A. Do we coordinate with them, no.

14 Q. Okay. Is there any particular reason, to  
15 your knowledge, that the City of Philadelphia  
16 Police Department wouldn't coordinate with the  
17 suspect's probation officer or parole officer?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
19 Detective, you can answer, if you can.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't know why we  
21 don't have that policy. But as time has  
22 gone on, probation is less cooperative with  
23 the police department with the information  
24 that they provide.

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1 A. I believe it's -- my understanding is  
2 it's the policy of the probation department now.

3 Q. What is your understanding of the policy?

4 A. I mean, when I first -- I don't know  
5 their policy. Like when I first started as a  
6 detective, you know, we -- the probation officer  
7 would come in, you know, if we had video or  
8 whatever it is and try to make an identification.  
9 That is not always the case now. I think it all  
10 depends upon who that probation officer's  
11 supervisor is. I don't know what the direct  
12 policy of the probation department is, though.  
13 They are a completely different independent  
14 organization.

15 Q. When you reached out to Probation Officer  
16 Shannon with regards to the warrant for [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED] was she non-cooperative in any way?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
19 But Detective, you can answer?

20 THE WITNESS: I don't recall her  
21 being non-cooperative.

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. Was there any question that you asked her  
24 to which she refused to give you an answer?

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Have you ever received any guidance from  
3 anybody at the Philadelphia Police Department  
4 whether it's an official policy or procedure or a  
5 custom or something you have been told by anyone,  
6 that you shouldn't coordinate with the Probation  
7 and Parole Office?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
9 form of the question. Detective, if you  
10 understand, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: So have I been told  
12 not to --

13 MR. WEST: Yes.

14 THE WITNESS: -- coordinate? Not  
15 that I -- not that I recall.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. Okay. I think you said that sometimes  
18 the Probation and Parole Office is not  
19 cooperative; is that correct?

20 A. I wouldn't say not cooperative. The  
21 information that they provide has decreased over  
22 time.

23 Q. Do you have -- can you elaborate on what  
24 you mean by that?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
2 Detective?

3 THE WITNESS: I don't recall that.  
4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. You don't recall anything like that at  
6 this time, correct?

7 A. I don't recall whether that occurred or  
8 not. I don't remember the specific conversation  
9 word for word, verbatim.

10 Q. If you asked a homicide suspect's  
11 probation officer for information about how to  
12 capture the homicide suspect and the probation  
13 officer refused to cooperate, would you contact  
14 that probation officer's supervisor?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
16 of the question. Detective, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: I -- that would be --  
18 I would make a decision at that time.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Did you --

21 A. It depends on what non-cooperative is. I  
22 mean, I already knew where he lived. I was just  
23 looking for some basic, you know, more insight.

24 Q. Did you have any reason to contact

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1 Probation Officer Shannon's supervisor?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 3 Detective, if you know.  
 4 THE WITNESS: No. She gave me the  
 5 information that she had. She never met him  
 6 and she had never been to his house of  
 7 record.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. All right. So the document I already  
 10 handed you, this is Graf-6, correct? Sir, I can  
 11 represent to you that this is the client file  
 12 notes that was in the possession of the Probation  
 13 and Parole Office. We have deposed Parole  
 14 Officer Shannon in this case, that is why this is  
 15 marked as Shannon-1.  
 16 If you can turn to page 21, you will find  
 17 an area that is highlighted in a prior deposition.  
 18 Do you see that area? I am not trying to rush  
 19 you. When you get a chance.  
 20 A. I got it. I have it.  
 21 Q. All right. So if you look at the  
 22 highlighted area it says April 26th, 2019,  
 23 correct? 4/26/2019?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. All right. And this memorializes that  
 2 the probation office -- Parole and Probation  
 3 Office went to the second floor rear apartment at  
 4 4664 Torresdale Avenue and determined that the  
 5 entrance to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was rear entrance  
 6 off Margaret Street, correct?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 8 form of the question. Detective, to the  
 9 extent you know.  
 10 THE WITNESS: That would -- this is  
 11 what it says?  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Is that -- yeah.  
 14 A. Yes. That is what it says.  
 15 Q. All right. And I can represent to you  
 16 that this was provided to us by Ms. Shannon when  
 17 we deposed her, we asked her, if you had asked her  
 18 how to get to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment, you could --  
 19 she would have been able to answer that question.  
 20 And she pointed at this and said yes, she had  
 21 these records. Did you know that prior to now?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 23 relevance and to the characterization of the  
 24 testimony. Detective, you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Can you ask the  
 2 question again?  
 3 BY MR. WEST:  
 4 Q. Sure. Prior to June 4th, 2021, if you  
 5 had known that the probation office had previously  
 6 determined that the entrance to the second floor  
 7 rear apartment at 4664 Torresdale Avenue was  
 8 through the rear entrance off Margaret Street,  
 9 would that have affected in any way any guidance  
 10 that you gave to the SWAT Unit as far as how the  
 11 warrant with regards to Mr. [REDACTED] should be  
 12 enforced?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 14 form of the question and as asked and  
 15 answered. Detective, go ahead.  
 16 THE WITNESS: Well, yes. If I had  
 17 been provided this information, I would have  
 18 supplied that information to SWAT.  
 19 MR. WEST: Let's mark Graf-7.  
 20 - - -  
 21 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-7 was  
 22 marked for identification.)  
 23 - - -  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. So sir, we have a document here. It's  
 2 marked Scott-3 from a prior deposition. If you  
 3 had had this information from the Probation and  
 4 Parole Office and if you had seen this Google Map,  
 5 would you have instructed the SWAT Unit to enforce  
 6 the warrant for Mr. [REDACTED] through the rear alleyway  
 7 entrance as indicated by the pink highlighting on  
 8 this picture?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 10 form of the question. Objection as asked  
 11 and answered. Detective, go ahead and  
 12 answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: If I had -- if I had  
 14 the information, I wouldn't tell them how to  
 15 enforce the warrant, but I would give them  
 16 the information as to how to make the best  
 17 entry to the house, yes.  
 18 BY MR. WEST:  
 19 Q. Okay. Would that have been consistent  
 20 with the path through the rear alleyway as shown  
 21 by the pink highlighting?  
 22 A. I mean, that's one way, yes.  
 23 Q. Okay. But would you -- would you still  
 24 consider it appropriate to enter through the front



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1 of the building --  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same -- same set of  
 3 objections for the record. Detective?  
 4 THE WITNESS: No. If I had been  
 5 provided the information by probation, I  
 6 would have supplied that information to  
 7 SWAT.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. All right. And would it have been your  
 10 understanding that if you had had this information  
 11 from the Probation and Parole Office and you had  
 12 this Google Map, that the only proper entrance  
 13 point to enforce this warrant would have been  
 14 through the rear entrance of 4664 Torresdale  
 15 Avenue?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 17 form of the question, particularly with  
 18 regards to proper. But Detective, to the  
 19 extent you can answer, answer.  
 20 THE WITNESS: One more time.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Sure. If you had had this information  
 23 from the Probation and Parole Office and you had  
 24 the Google Map overview of the building -- of the

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1 property, would you have understood that the only  
 2 legal way to enforce the warrant for Mr. [REDACTED]  
 3 residence was to enter through the rear entrance  
 4 through the alleyway off Margaret Street?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection  
 6 particularly as to legal. Detective, you  
 7 can answer.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I am not sure  
 9 about the legal. But I would have  
 10 instructed SWAT that the information we had  
 11 from Probation and Parole would be to go  
 12 through the rear.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Okay.  
 15 A. If I had that information.  
 16 Q. To your knowledge, did anyone conduct any  
 17 physical surveillance of the 4664 Torresdale  
 18 building prior to the enforcement action?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object as asked and  
 20 answered. Detective, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, no.  
 22 I did not.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Sir, based on your personal observation,

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1 did the front door to the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 2 lead into a portion of the property that was two  
 3 stories tall or one story?  
 4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 5 Detective, if you know, you can answer.  
 6 THE WITNESS: I didn't go through  
 7 the front door.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. But my question is, you did view the  
 10 front of the building, correct?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. And so when you viewed the building in  
 13 your personal observation, did the door off  
 14 Torresdale Avenue lead into a portion of the  
 15 building that was one story tall or two stories  
 16 tall?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 18 But Detective, if you know.  
 19 THE WITNESS: It looked like it was  
 20 built out one floor.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. So you could see in your own  
 23 observation that the front door on the Torresdale  
 24 Avenue side led into a portion of the building

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1 that was only one story tall, correct?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to  
 3 the record.  
 4 THE WITNESS: It appeared that way,  
 5 yes.  
 6 BY MR. WEST:  
 7 Q. Okay. Did it occur to you that that door  
 8 might lead into a first floor apartment?  
 9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 10 form. Detective, if you understand you can  
 11 answer.  
 12 THE WITNESS: The information I had,  
 13 it appeared to me based on my experience,  
 14 that there was one front door with two  
 15 mailboxes, which would indicate there's two  
 16 apartments that have access to that door.  
 17 Which traditionally in almost every  
 18 warrant -- I don't want to say every, but  
 19 almost every warrant we have ever done, it's  
 20 one doorway with usually like a hallway that  
 21 goes upstairs and a first floor apartment  
 22 access.  
 23 I've never seen it the way this  
 24 house was designed. You have two mailboxes

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1 with one door.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. So did you have any other information  
 4 available to you besides what you just said that  
 5 would have told you what was behind the Torresdale  
 6 Avenue door?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
 8 of the question. Detective, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: I have no way of  
 10 knowing what is behind that door.  
 11 BY MR. WEST:  
 12 Q. Okay. If you had heard a dog barking on  
 13 the other side of that door, would that have led  
 14 you to believe that someone was living in that  
 15 portion of the building?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 17 THE WITNESS: That is too hard to  
 18 determine.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Is that information that would have  
 21 informed your understanding at all?  
 22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 23 THE WITNESS: That doesn't say  
 24 anything. That says there is a dog behind

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1 the door.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Are you familiar with Philadelphia Police  
 4 Department directive 5.7?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
 6 Detective, if you know.  
 7 THE WITNESS: Which directive is  
 8 that?  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. I am asking like if I just say that  
 11 number, do you know what that is?  
 12 A. No. They have actually changed from --  
 13 there were directives that were all numbered and  
 14 now they are in this form, 5.7. If you told me  
 15 what it was, maybe I would be familiar with it.  
 16 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, does the  
 17 Philadelphia Police Department have any official  
 18 directives with regard to search warrants?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. Have you personally ever spoken with Ms.  
 21 Alvarado?  
 22 A. I don't think so.  
 23 Q. To your knowledge, was there any effort  
 24 to apprehend Mr. [REDACTED] with regards to this homicide

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1 investigation prior to the enforcement action at  
 2 4664 Torresdale Avenue?  
 3 A. In the six hours or seven hours we had  
 4 the warrant, no.  
 5 Q. So what is all the information that you  
 6 provided to the SWAT Unit with regards to how they  
 7 should enforce this warrant enforcement action --  
 8 strike the question.  
 9 What is all of the information that you  
 10 provided to the SWAT Unit with regards to the  
 11 warrant to apprehend Mr. [REDACTED] ?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 13 Detective, to the extent that you recall.  
 14 THE WITNESS: I am not sure exactly  
 15 what you're asking. But we provided the  
 16 address.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. Right. And you specifically informed the  
 19 SWAT Unit that the address was the second floor  
 20 rear apartment, correct?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.  
 22 Objection as asked and answered. Go ahead  
 23 and answer.  
 24 THE WITNESS: We had three different

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1 addresses that I recall for Mr. [REDACTED]. His  
 2 identification from the state was just  
 3 listing that address on Torresdale Avenue.  
 4 His prison release was for that address  
 5 second floor.  
 6 The only information we had, the  
 7 second floor rear, was from probation. So  
 8 that was the address that we used, because  
 9 that was the most specific address. But his  
 10 ID doesn't indicate -- to my recollection,  
 11 did not indicate any apartment, just that  
 12 address.  
 13 MR. WEST: All right. Let's mark  
 14 this as Graf-8.  
 15 - - -  
 16 (Whereupon, Exhibit Graf-8 was  
 17 marked for identification.)  
 18 - - -  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. For the record, what we marked are the  
 21 records Bates stamped as Defense 146 to 153.  
 22 Sir, is it accurate to say that this  
 23 packet of documents contains the warrant of  
 24 address and the search warrant for Mr. [REDACTED] ?

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1 A. That's correct.  
 2 Q. Have you ever heard of something called a  
 3 no knock warrant?  
 4 A. I have.  
 5 Q. What is a no knock warrant?  
 6 A. I never used one. But my understanding  
 7 is that you can not knock and just enter the  
 8 property. But I don't know the specifics.  
 9 Q. Okay. So unless you have a no knock  
 10 warrant, are you required to follow something  
 11 known as the knock and announced rule?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 13 But Detective, to the extent you know.  
 14 THE WITNESS: That is my  
 15 understanding.  
 16 BY MR. WEST:  
 17 Q. Okay. As a veteran member of the  
 18 Philadelphia Police Department, do you know what  
 19 the knock and announce rule is?  
 20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 21 But Detective, you can answer to the extent  
 22 that you know.  
 23 THE WITNESS: You have to knock,  
 24 announce and then wait a reasonable amount

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1 of time before entering.  
 2 BY MR. WEST:  
 3 Q. Have you ever received any training from  
 4 the Philadelphia Police Department with regards to  
 5 what is considered a reasonable amount of time, in  
 6 that context?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 8 But Detective, you can answer.  
 9 THE WITNESS: That, I don't  
 10 remember. I mean, that is possible, but I  
 11 don't recall.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. Okay. In your personal experience, what  
 14 would you consider to be a reasonable amount of  
 15 time pursuant to the knock and announced rule?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 17 form. But Detective, if you know, you can  
 18 answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: I don't have like a  
 20 specific time. Maybe 15, 30 seconds. That  
 21 is just off the --  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. What is the purpose of the knock and  
 24 announce rule, to your understanding?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 2 But Detective --  
 3 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. Okay. You have never received any  
 6 guidance from the Philadelphia Police Department?  
 7 A. I don't recall. I don't remember.  
 8 Q. Okay.  
 9 A. It may be in the police directive. I'm  
 10 not sure.  
 11 Q. Okay. But just to make sure I am not  
 12 missing anything, these warrants required anybody  
 13 to -- who is enforcing them, to follow the knock  
 14 and announce rule, correct?  
 15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 16 form. Detective, to the extent you know.  
 17 THE WITNESS: I have never  
 18 participated in a no knock warrant.  
 19 BY MR. WEST:  
 20 Q. Okay. So you were -- you were the  
 21 affiant to obtain the warrant of arrest, correct?  
 22 A. Correct.  
 23 Q. Did you request a no knock warrant?  
 24 A. No.

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1 Q. Okay. And given your decades of being a  
 2 detective with the Philadelphia Police Department,  
 3 do you have enough expertise to look at these  
 4 warrants and be able to say that these warrants  
 5 would require anyone enforcing them to follow a  
 6 knock and announce rule?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 8 form. Detective, to the extent you know you  
 9 can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I mean, that is our  
 11 policy usually is to like -- general policy  
 12 is we knock and announce.  
 13 BY MR. WEST:  
 14 Q. Okay.  
 15 A. I haven't served a warrant without SWAT  
 16 in 12 years. So -- but they always knock and  
 17 announce when I have been with them.  
 18 Q. Is that consistent with your  
 19 understanding of the custom of the SWAT Unit that  
 20 they --  
 21 A. I don't want to speak for the SWAT Unit.  
 22 But usually they knock and announce.  
 23 Q. But not always, correct?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection.

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1 THE WITNESS: That, I can't answer.  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 3 THE WITNESS: In my experience, yes,  
 4 they have.  
 5 BY MR. WEST:  
 6 Q. Were you present when Ms. Alvarado's  
 7 apartment was entered?  
 8 A. I was up the street. Probably half a  
 9 block away maybe.  
 10 Q. Did you personally witness Ms. Alvarado's  
 11 door being breached?  
 12 A. No.  
 13 Q. If the SWAT officers waited less than 10  
 14 seconds between arriving at the front door and  
 15 breaching the door, would that be consistent with  
 16 the knock and announce rule?  
 17 A. I don't --  
 18 Q. To your understanding?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.  
 20 Detective?  
 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. You don't know. Okay.  
 24 Besides what we have discussed so far

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1 today, did you make any additional efforts at all  
 2 to learn how a person could physically enter the  
 3 second floor rear apartment of 4664 Torresdale  
 4 Avenue?  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 6 form. But Detective, to the extent that you  
 7 know.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Did I make any efforts  
 9 to find out how to get into the property?  
 10 BY MR. WEST:  
 11 Q. Yes.  
 12 A. No, I don't think so.  
 13 Q. Okay. Besides what we have discussed  
 14 today, did you make any additional efforts to  
 15 learn what was behind the door on the Torresdale  
 16 Avenue side of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
 17 building?  
 18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 19 form. But Detective?  
 20 THE WITNESS: I don't know how I  
 21 would have. But no.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Okay. Did you ever discuss with anybody  
 24 from the SWAT Unit what sort of reconnaissance

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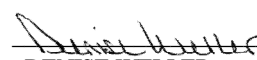
1 they had conducted related to this operation?  
 2 A. No.  
 3 Q. All right. I have no further questions.  
 4 Thank you.  
 5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: I have no questions  
 6 for the Detective. But I would like to  
 7 designate on the record all mentions of  
 8 [REDACTED] or anything else that was in the  
 9 confidential part of the warrant should be  
 10 designated confidential under the  
 11 confidentiality order.  
 12 MR. WEST: No objection.  
 13 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: At 11:30 p.m.  
 14 (sic) we are going off the record.  
 15 - - -  
 16 (Whereupon, the videotaped  
 17 deposition concluded at 11:30 a.m.)  
 18 - - -

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**Incident Entered By:** Lieut Mark Bugieda

PS# 21-9005

### Incident Details

<b>Received Dt/Tm</b>	<b>Date of Occurrence</b>	<b>Tm of Occurrence</b>
6/4/2021 1:19 PM	6/4/2021	5:55 AM
<b>DC #</b>	<b>Inv Unit</b>	<b>Control #</b>
21-15-040680	6001	PS #21-05
<b>Hospital Case DC#</b>	<b>Hospital/Doctor</b>	
<b>Susp/Def Went to Hospital</b>	<b>Susp/Def Injured</b>	<b>Susp/Def Arrested</b>
No	No	No
<b>Charges Against Suspect/Defendant</b>		
<b>Officer Went to Hospital</b>	<b>Officer Injured</b>	
No	No	

### Summary - Actions of Defendant and Officers

Police Discharge PS #21-05 Lt. Bugieda #219 assigned.

### Use of Force Specific

<b>Reason for Use of Force</b>	<b>Service Being Rendered</b>
Dog Shooting	Warrant

### Incident Location

- 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Suite/Apt: 1, Philadelphia, PA - : 1500

### Suspect/Defendant Information

**N/A N/A**

DOB: Race: N/A Gender: N/A

### Involved Officer(s) Information

**P/off Edward Song - Payroll #: 235933 - District: 4601 S.W.A.T. - In Uniform: Yes**

#### Force Used Against Susp/Defendant

- Firearm Discharge

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Philadelphia Municipal Court

County of: Philadelphia  
First Judicial District



# WARRANT OF ARREST

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
v.

Issuing Authority

**ACM LAUREN CONNOR**

Defendant's Address(s):

4664 TORRESDALE AV Apt. 2 FLR Philadelphia, PA 19124

Citation/Complaint No : COM-0002831-2021

Docket No :

Warrant Control No : **WAR-0002831-2021**

Date Citation/Complaint Filed : 06/03/2021

Charge(s):

**Shooting Victim**

Code	Grade	Description	Count
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Additional charges, if any, are listed on separate page

## DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION:

Social Security Number: ██████████

Age: █

Race: █████

Sex: █

Height: █"

Eye Color: █████

Date of Birth: █████

Weight: █

Hair Color: █████

Telephone Number: ██████████

**Distinguishing features (scars, tattoos, facial hair, disability, etc):**

Alias(es):

TO POLICE OFFICER:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you are commanded to take  
the defendant, into custody for 111 Homicide ██████████

Issued under my hand this 3 day of June, 2021

Signature Issuing Authority





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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION UNIT  
FINAL REPORT

OISI# PS21-05

Date: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Assigned: Detective Horn #881

**ORIGIN**

On 6-04-2021, at approximately 6:00AM, members of the SWAT Unit were executing a Homicide arrest warrant (#2021-2831 / M#21-201) /search warrant #242513 for the residence of 4664 Torresdale Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear, for a suspect named [REDACTED]. The murder occurred on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The SWAT unit was stacked at the front door residence and knocked and announced their presence with no response from inside of the home. SWAT subsequently used a ram to take down the front door and entered the residence. Upon entry, the interior of the scene was dark except for the light from the open front door. The SWAT team utilized their flashlights while clearing the first floor of the residence and encountered an aggressive Pit-Bull in the living room. The dog began biting the lower leg of SWAT Officer Song #3936 who was serving as the point man. Officer Song discharged his Sig Sauer M400 rifle one time striking the dog in the head.

The property was cleared by SWAT, and the suspect was not on location.

**SCENE WALK THROUGH**

A scene walk through was conducted by Officer Song for the purposes of establishing the parameters of the crime scene. Present for the walk through were Lieutenant Hendershot #148 of OISI, and Lieutenant Monk 279 and Sergeant Mellody #285 of SWAT

**WEATHER**

*70 degrees, overcast*

**SCENE**

The shooting scene was located in the 15<sup>th</sup> Police District (PSA 1), Northeast Police Division, a residential neighborhood consisting of two-story row homes, and businesses. The scene was contained inside the private residence located at 4644 Torresdale Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. 4600 Torresdale Avenue is a two-way residential street with vehicular traffic traveling north and southbound, regulated by a traffic light at the northern intersection; parking permitted on the east and west curb lines. The scene was bordered: Margaret Street to the north, Wilmot Street to the south, with Ditman Street to the west and Edmund Street to the east.

Two steps, followed by a small landing led to the front door clearly marked with the numbers "4664" in large black colored sticker-like icons. The white colored, front door was ajar, with minor frame damage, apparently due to SWAT breaching the residence. Walking west through the threshold, a small couch was located along both the north and south walls with a small, oval glass table placed in the middle of the living room area between them. A medium sized, dark brown, male, Pit-Bull dog was located just west of the glass table, with its head facing in a

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southeastern direction; dog was deceased, with an apparent bullet wound in the forehead, with blood on the floor around the head, and upper body area. A black dog crate, open, with a dog mat was located in the southwest corner of the room, with a television along the east wall, in front of the east wall window; closed curtains, and television blocked a clear view of the front of the property. The television was on, as was a small lamp that was located in the northwest corner of the room. (The resident, Felishatay Alvarado noted the television was on at the time of the incident but Police personnel turned on the light after the fact.) Continuing west through the residence, a small breakfast bar, with two chairs on the living room side of the room was noted, with a “Ring” Camera device sitting on top of the bar, facing the living room and front door; it was activated. Continuing west past the breakfast bar, the kitchen area followed, leading to a small hallway that led to the bedroom and bathroom. The rear of the property is accessible through a common drive way located on Margaret Street. A small gated, patio area led to a rear door that led to the second floor apartment; no access to the first floor from the rear of the property. Also noted was a “Bling” Camera in the first floor, rear, right window, facing out to the rear patio and alleyway. This camera was also activated.

**BODY-WORN CAMERAS (BWC)**

Responding officers were not equipped with Body Worn Cameras

**OFFICER’S WEAPONS**

Sig Sauer M400 rifle serial number 21J045708 loaded with 29 live rounds

**POLICE INTERVIEWS**

**Sergeant Kevin MELLODY #285 / PR#233866- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Peter Marrero#648 at 2301 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street (OISI) and relayed the following information in summary:

On 6/4/2021 at approximately 6:00AM, Sergeant Mellody was on location with SWAT personnel executing a signed Homicide arrest/search warrant #242513 for the residence of 4664 Torresdale Avenue, for a suspect named [REDACTED]. Mellody was a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> entry team with 2 additional officers. The SWAT unit was stacked at the front door residence and knocked and announced their presence with no response from inside of the home. SWAT subsequently used a ram to take down the front door and entered the residence. Upon entry, Sergeant Mellody noted that the interior of the scene was dark except for the light from the open front door. The SWAT team utilized their flashlights while clearing the first floor of the residence and encountered an aggressive Pitbull in the living room. Police Officer Edward Song - who was a part of the first entry team – separated himself from his unit’s formation and stood with his Sig Sauer XM400 rifle at the low-ready position, pointing at the dog. At this point, Sergeant Mellody

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resumed clearing the residence with the rest of the unit. When Sergeant Mellody entered the kitchen, he heard Police Officer Song discharge his rifle. Sergeant Mellody returned to the living room and saw Police Officer Song standing near the Pitbull which was deceased with an apparent gunshot wound through the bridge of its nose. Police Officer Song stated to Sergeant Mellody that the Pitbull had bit his lower right leg. Police Officer Song indicated to Sergeant Mellody that he had discharged at a downward angle to the floor. Sergeant Mellody did not observe any injuries but did observe what he believed to be dog saliva on Police Officer Song's right pants leg.

After the discharge, Sergeant Mellody made notifications and counted the remaining rounds in Police Officer Song's rifle. By his count, there were 28 rounds left in the weapon's magazine and one round in the chamber. The capacity of the magazine was 30 rounds.

Upon receiving relief at the crime scene, Sergeant Mellody transported Police Officer Song to OISI. At OISI gave a written interview and drew a diagram of the crime scene.

**Police Officer Patrick SABA #9823 / PR# 259421- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Toliver #9139 (SDD) inside South Detectives 2301 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated in summary that he was working with his partner Officer Burkitt #2091 assigned to S111. The officers were part of an entry team for 4664 Torresdale Avenue in reference to a search and arrest warrant. Officer Clark of SWAT knocked and announced. Officer Saba at this point could hear a dog barking inside. Officer Clark breeched the door and the team entered. Once inside, Officer Saba observed a medium sized brown Pit-Bull aggressively biting at the back of Officer Song's leg. Officer Saba continued to the rear of the property on the first floor when he heard a single gunshot from the living room. The officers learned from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor resident that access to the second floor apartment can only be gained from the exterior rear. The officers then regrouped outside and made entry to the second floor from the rear. The suspect was not on location and the property was cleared without incident.

**Police Officer Jose HAMOY #2987 / PR# 274219- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Rush #820 (SDD) inside of South Detectives 2301 S 24<sup>th</sup> St. He stated in summary that he was assigned to S101 with Officer Song #3936. The officers were part of an entry team to serve a search and arrest warrant at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. Once the door was breeched Officer Hamoy could hear a dog barking inside. Officer Song entered first with Officer Hamoy behind him. Officer Song went left while Officer Hamoy continued straight after observing a female in the kitchen. Officer Hamoy approached the female in the kitchen, and as he stood in front of her he heard a gunshot coming from behind him. Officer Hamoy assisted in clearing the property and realized there was no second floor access. The officers then went out the front door and around to the rear of the property. As he was leaving the first floor apartment, Officer Hamoy observed

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a large dog laying on the floor. The dog was bleeding. The officers were able to gain access to the second floor apartment and cleared the property.

**Police Officer Matthew FITZPATRICK #148 / PR# 276655- SWAT-** was interviewed by Lieutenant Hendershot #148 inside of OISI headquarters 2301 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Fitzpatrick stated in summary that he was assigned to S115 and was responsible for front containment for the search and arrest warrant at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. Officer Fitzpatrick was posted in the front of the property and heard the officers knock and announce at the front door. The officers eventually breached the door and Officer Fitzpatrick could hear a dog barking. About 10 seconds later, Officer Fitzpatrick heard a single gunshot from inside. Officer Fitzpatrick did not witness the shooting and only learned after the incident was over who discharged.

**Police Officer Heriberto QUINTANA #2721 / PR# 214918- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Ferry #8134 (SDD) inside of South Detectives 2301 S 24<sup>th</sup> St. He stated in summary that he was assigned to S101 and was responsible for rear containment behind 4664 Torresdale Avenue. While in the rear of the property he heard a gunshot coming from the front of the house. Officer Quintana did not witness the discharge.

**Police Officer Joshua BURKITT #2091 / PR# 292931- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Johnson #755 (SDD) inside of South Detectives 2301 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated in summary that he was part of the entry team for a search and arrest warrant at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. While lined up outside of the property, the breacher knocked and announced on the front door. Officer Burkitt heard a dog barking inside. The breacher then forced entry and the officers entered the property. Upon their entry, Officer Burkitt noticed the dog barking, then charging at Officer Song who was the point man. The dog was biting at Officer Song's calf, and Officer Song was forced to exit the stack. As Officer Burkitt continued past Officer Song and the dog, the dog released from Officer Song's calf and cornered Officer Song in the living room. The dog was snarling and acting aggressively towards Officer Song at this time. Officer Burkitt was clearing the kitchen area of the apartment when he heard a single gunshot in the living room. Once the kitchen was clear, Officer Burkitt observed the dog on the floor with a gunshot wound to the face/head area. Officer Burkitt did not witness the discharge.

**Police Officer Cyprian SCOTT #6686 / PR# 206820 -SWAT-** was interviewed by Lieutenant Hendershot, OISI, and stated the following in summary. Officer Scott was assigned as front door containment during the arrest warrant service at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. Fellow officers approached, and knocked and announced their presence; a dog immediately started barking. A second knock and announce was given, and the dog continued to bark. He said, after Lieutenant Monk gave the order, fellow officers breached the front door. He heard the dog barking as fellow officers entered the residence, and 8 to 10 seconds later, he heard a single gunshot. Officer Scott maintained his front containment position for the entire operation. He did not see

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the dog, the scene, nor did he speak with Officer Song about what took place inside the residence.

**Police Officer Brian MURRAY #6068 / PR# 271303- SWAT-** was interviewed by Lieutenant Hendershot, OISI, and stated the following in summary. He was assigned as breacher/hospital car for the arrest warrant service at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. Once fellow SWAT Officers knocked and announced their presence, he heard a dog barking from inside the residence. After breaching the front door, he entered, and saw a brown Pit-Bull dog inside; the dog continued to bark, and aggressively approach Officer Song. He saw Officer Song discharge his weapon, striking the dog. At that point, Officer Murray continued securing the room, until fellow officers realized there were no steps that led to the second floor apartment. He remained inside the first floor residence with a female resident, securing the scene, while fellow officers made contact with a male in the second floor, through the rear entrance.

**Police Officer James ASHFORD #3802 PR# 230717-SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Courtney #745, South Detectives Division, and stated the following in summary. He was assigned to front containment during the arrest warrant service at 4664 Torresdale Avenue. He heard a dog barking from inside the house after fellow SWAT Offices knocked and announced their presence. The barking continued during the second announcement, and breaching of the front door. He heard one gunshot less than 8 seconds after the door was breached. About 10 seconds after that, he saw the entry team exit the front door, and make their way to the rear of the property. He found out after the fact that the discharge was from a fellow SWAT officer.

**Police Officer Phillip RIOTTO #3984 / PR# 277534- 15<sup>th</sup> District-** was interviewed by Detective Peter Marrero#648 at 2301 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street (OISI) and relayed the following information in summary:

On 6/4/2021, Police Officer Riotto was working the 11:30PM to 7:45AM when he was given a radio call to meet SWAT at the intersection of Wakeling Street and Torresdale Avenue to meet SWAT for the execution of a search warrant at 4664 Torresdale Ave for a homicide. Police Officer Riotto was told to take Orthodox Street and Torresdale Avenue to block northbound traffic on the 4600 block of Torresdale. Officer David Smith #2016 informed Police Officer Riotto that his presence was requested at the residence. Upon arrival, he was informed that an officer had discharged their weapon, striking a dog. Sgt. Cerruti was on location and instructed Police Officer Riotto to hold the home as a crime scene. Inside of the home Officer Riotto saw a deceased dog with an apparent gunshot wound to its nose, a large pool of blood, and large caliber FCC in the living room of the residence. Officer Riotto encountered the female resident who was distraught. Officer Riotto noted that the front door to the residence was damaged and part of the door's wooden frame was on the floor. Police Officer Riotto also noted that the resident's sister

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was present. The resident also informed Officer Riotto that an interior surveillance camera may have captured the shooting on video.

**Lieutenant Demetrius Monk #279 / PR# 206962- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Brian Newell #662 at OISI headquarters and relayed the following in summary. On June 4, 2021 Homicide requested the assistance of SWAT to execute a Search and Arrest Warrant for [REDACTED]. Upon arrival, Officer Clark approached the door, knocked and announced "Police, with a warrant, open the door". At that point, Lieutenant Monk could hear a dog barking and gave the order to breach. Upon entry, officers were met by a light brown colored pit-bull mix in the living room area. The dog immediately went after Officer Song biting his lower right leg. Lieutenant Monk continued past Officer Song where he encountered a white female in the kitchen area. She was on the floor behind a fence that separated the living room from the kitchen. He proceeded past her and cleared the property. Once Lieutenant Monk encountered the female, he heard a single gunshot from behind. The target was not located inside of the property and no additional observations were made.

**Police Officer Eric Clark #4453 / PR# 274907- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Brian Newell #662 at OISI headquarters and relayed the following in summary. On June 4, 2021, Homicide requested the assistance of SWAT to execute a Search and Arrest Warrant for [REDACTED]. Officer Clark was assigned as the "Breacher". Lieutenant Monk instructed Officer Clark to Knock and Announce. Upon doing so, a dog could be heard barking from inside as he breached the door. Officer Clark moved to the side as the entry teams entered the property. Officer Clark observed a dog barking at Officer Song as he checked the couches for weapons and heard a single rifle shot. After the property was secured, Officer Clark observed the dog deceased in the living room. No additional observations were made.

**Police Officer David Smith #2016 / PR# 250991- 15<sup>th</sup> District-** was interviewed by Detective Brian Newell #662 at OISI headquarters and relayed the following in summary. On June 4, 2021, he was assigned as 1531 and requested by SWAT to take the area of Torresdale Avenue and Margarete Street to block traffic. When SWAT made entry into 4664 Torresdale Avenue, Officer Smith heard a single gunshot. Moments later, he was advised by SWAT officers that an officer discharged at a dog inside of the property. Officer Smith prepared a Crime Scene Log for the incident. He observed a fawn colored pit-bull dead in the living room with blood by the head and (1) one Fired Cartridge Casing (F.C.C.). A woman was inside of the property but was not identified by Officer Smith. No additional observations were made.

**Police Officer Rivera #6797 / PR# 257944- SWAT-** was interviewed by Detective Anzideo #690 (SDD) at South Detectives and relayed the following in summary. On June 4, 2021, Homicide requested the assistance of SWAT to execute a Search and Arrest Warrant for [REDACTED]. Officers Rivera and Quintana #2721 were assigned as Rear

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Containment. After entry was made through the front, Officer Rivera heard a single gunshot. He observed a black male and female exiting the rear of the property. After the property was secure, he learned that a dog was killed inside of the property. No additional observations were made.

### CIVILIAN INTERVIEWS

**Felishatay ALVARADO, 31/HF/ DOB, 12/01/1989, 4664 Torresdale Avenue** was interviewed by Lieutenant Jason Hendershot #148 on 6/4/2021 at 7:06 AM outside of 4666 Torresdale Avenue in the presence of her sister and legal guardian **Yara Alvarado, 34/H/F, D 4/18/1987, 4723 Torresdale Avenue / 4664 Torresdale Avenue**. In addition to giving Lieutenant Hendershot verbal consent to video tape their conversation, search their home for purposes of processing the crime scene and recover personal surveillance footage, Felishatay Alvarado stated the following in summary on an audio/video recorded conversation:

Felishatay Alvarado was inside of her home, in the shower when she heard SWAT personnel enter her home by breaking her door. She lives alone and according to her, no other persons were present at the home during the time of this incident. She further stated that she had all of the lights in her home turned off and she heard her dog barking. Upon entry by SWAT, Felishatay Alvarado states that she made a request to SWAT to let her put her dog – an emotional support dog – away. She stated that SWAT denied her request and that later on, she heard one gunshot. Alvarado acknowledged that her dog was barking and that it did approach the officers. She added that she believed that SWAT officers entered her property in error. Yara Alvarado interjected that the first and second floor of the building function as two separate apartments with two completely different entrances. Yara Alvarado further stated that the first and second floor do not have any shared access points; front entrances leads to the first floor and the rear entrances leads to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Yara Alvarado also provided a phone number for their property, Armin Maroli (215-982-0107)

### SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS

Surveillance video was recovered from Philly Deli Delight 4670 Torresdale (SW corner of Torresdale and Margaret). The deli is 4 houses north of 4664 Torresdale on the same side of the street. Exterior cameras from both the front and rear were recovered and show SWAT lining up and entering the property. The interior of 4664 Torresdale is not visible, and the discharge is not captured on the video.

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**ACTIONS TAKEN**

- Officer Song's Sig Sauer M400 rifle with serial number 21J045708 was placed on Property Receipt 3465949 and submitted to the Firearms Identification Unit for analysis
- Twenty-Nine (29) live rounds from Officer Song's weapon were placed on Property Receipt 3165949 and submitted to the Firearms Identification Unit for analysis
- Police Officer interviews conducted
- Dog owner interviewed
- Consent to search was obtained by Detective O'Neill to process the crime scene
- The crime scene was processed by members of the Crime Scene Unit
- Radio tapes have been obtained
- Surveillance video from the corner store (Philly Deli 4670 Torresdale) was recovered
- Licenses and Inspections was contacted to determine if the property was legally turned into a duplex

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS/ANALYSIS**

The *Crime Scene Report* (CSU 21-0435) was received and reviewed. The assigned technician is P/O Campbell #9862. A total of 21 photographs were taken, and a rough sketch was prepared. One FC 223 REM fired cartridge casing was recovered from the living room floor. The casing was placed on Property Receipt 9030452 and submitted to the Firearms Identification Unit for analysis

The *Firearms Identification Unit Report* (OFS# 21-0009176) was received and reviewed. The examiner is Police Officer Cha. The report stated the Sig Sauer SIGM400 rifle with serial number 21J045708 was test fired and found to be operable with a trigger pull of 5 lbs +/- at a coverage probability of 95.45%. The fired cartridge casing recovered from the living room floor was microscopically compared to the rifle, however there is insufficient detail of the class and/or individual characteristics for an identification or elimination finding

**DAO FINDINGS**

On 6/7/21 OISI received a facsimile transmission from ADA Clark Beljean of the District Attorney's Office SIU Unit stating that Officer Song had been "Cleared".

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# EXHIBIT “V”



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**1. POLICY**

- A. The determination concerning when a search warrant must be obtained will be based on pertinent legal guidelines and consultation with a supervisor. The advice of an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) should be obtained and adhered to when any questions arise concerning the search warrant procedure.
- B. All search warrants will be obtained and executed by police personnel in accordance with the procedures established in this directive and the applicable rules of Pennsylvania Criminal Procedure (Pa. R. Crim. P. 2001 to 2010) which can be found in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.
- C. The Application and Affidavit for Search Warrant (75-175) forms will ALWAYS be distributed in sequential order from the distribution point (Police Warehouse) through the issuance of a single warrant to an individual police officer/investigator.
- D. All search warrant applications MUST be submitted to the District Attorney's Charging Unit (DACU) for review prior to submitting to a judge or bail commissioner.
- E. The actual execution of the search warrant and related police actions during a search will be governed by this directive and pertinent legal guidelines, and barring exigent circumstances, will be strictly adhered to by all sworn personnel.
- F. Misstatements, Omissions and Exculpatory Information
  1. Under the Fourth Amendment, when applying for a warrant, police officers may not intentionally include misstatements or false statements; or recklessly omit any material facts from the accompanying affidavit of probable cause. Because the Fourth Amendment prohibits this conduct, the Department also prohibits it. Misstatements in or material omissions from a warrant application will damage the criminal case and could subject the investigator and the City to a §1983 federal civil rights claim.

2. Regarding omissions, investigators shall include in all warrant applications highly relevant facts within their knowledge that any reasonable officer knows that a magistrate would need to make an independent determination of probable cause. This includes all culpable information as well as exculpable information. Exculpable information includes, but is not limited to:
    - a. any misidentification, inconsistency or failure to identify a suspect by a witness/victim.
    - b. differences in height, clothing or other specifics of the offender from originally reported flash information.
    - c. discrepancies in license tag or vehicle description information initially described by a witness/victim.
    - d. information regarding any past interactions/relationships between the suspect and the victim that could affect a probable cause determination.
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## **2. PURPOSE OF A SEARCH WARRANT**

- A. A search warrant may be issued to search for and seize:
    1. contraband, the fruits of a crime, or things otherwise criminally possessed; or
    2. property which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
    3. property, which constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense.
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## **3. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT (75-175)**

- A. To obtain a search warrant, sworn personnel MUST:
  1. Have thoroughly investigated a complaint or gathered information as to convince a disinterested party (judge or bail commissioner) that probable cause exists to justify a search.
  2. Consult with their highest-ranking supervisor.
  3. Prepare a 75-175 as outlined in this directive.
  4. Fax a completed 75-175 to the DACU for approval.



- a. The ADA will evaluate, note their approval or disapproval in the margin and return the fax.
5. Obtain a Record of Declination form from the ADA if the affidavit is disapproved or significantly modified. A Record of Declination is not needed if the modifications amount to only handwritten notes on the 75-175 for the purpose of strengthening the probable cause aspect of the search warrant.
6. Write DACU's approval in the margin and include the ADA's name, date and time.

**NOTE:** The approved faxed copy returned from DACU will be maintained by the officer/investigator and remain as a part of the discovery package.

7. Present the original affidavit and a Continuation Report (75-51), if applicable to a judge or bail commissioner at the Bail Magistrate, Criminal Justice Center (CJC). Testify to the truth and accuracy of the information contained in the affidavit. Ensure that the approved copy is available for review by the judge or bail commissioner.
8. Make no corrections, additions, or deletions on any copy of the 75-175 once the judge or bail commissioner has possession of it.
  - a. Search and seizure warrants that have been signed by a judge or bail commissioner will not be voided.

**EXCEPTION:** Search and seizure warrants that have not been served within the specified period of time, two days from the date of issuance, must be voided.

**NOTE:** Supplementing a search warrant orally at the time it is signed by a judge or bail commissioner is not acceptable. Under Rule 2003 (b), such oral additions will not be admissible at a subsequent suppression hearing. If relevant facts arise or come to the attention of an officer after the warrant affidavit has already been completed, the new information must be included in the 75-175 or in a 75-51 and sworn to by the officer.

9. When the offense has been previously reported, use the original District Control number in the space provided. Otherwise, obtain a DC number from the district where the search has occurred.

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#### **4. PARTICULARITY OF THE SEARCH WARRANT**

- A. Sworn personnel shall complete all pertinent block headings on the 75-175, including their signature, badge number and district/unit. (PLEAC 2.7.1)

**B. THE PREMISES OR PERSON TO BE SEARCHED AND THE ITEMS TO BE SEIZED MUST BE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE WARRANT SO THAT THE JUDGE OR BAIL COMMISSIONER AND EXECUTING OFFICER HAVE NO DOUBT AS TO WHO OR WHAT CAN BE SEIZED AND WHERE THEY MAY BE FOUND.**

**1. Description of buildings should include:**

- a. Street name and number (no intersections). When possible, where search will take place (vehicle/building), use exact numerical location.
- b. Number of stories - apartment number.
- c. Type of construction (brick, wood, etc.).
- d. Type of property (single home, apartments, twin structure, etc.).
- e. Particular markings, color, or any additional information which serve to identify that particular premise.

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**C. The warrant MUST also include the following:**

1. Name and/or description of owner, occupant(s), or possessor of the premise or property to be searched.
2. The particular crime that has been or is being committed.
3. What probable cause exists for a search.
  - a. Probable cause is the existence of facts and circumstances that would justify a person of reasonable caution to believe:
    - 1) that an offense has been or is being committed;
    - 2) that the particular person or item to be seized is reasonably connected to the crime; and
    - 3) that the person can be found at a particular place or the item can be found in the possession of a particular person or at a particular place.

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2. Reasons for believing that the item(s) or person(s) are located at the premise specified and why they should be the subject of a seizure.
3. Facts known to the officer concerning:
  - a. potential for destruction of evidence and
  - b. potential for the removal of evidence, contraband, etc.
  - c. threats of harm to police personnel should be clearly indicated on the warrant.

**CAUTION:** The facts and information must be real and cannot be based on simple speculation or on a "hunch" by the officer applying for the warrant.

4. If a "night-time" search is requested (i.e., 10:01 PM to 5:59 AM), state why the search should be carried out in other than daytime hours (i.e., 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM). The judge or bail commissioner must specifically note on the warrant (bottom right corner of application) that they are authorizing such a search and sign their name to it.

**NOTE:** There is a need for the officer to state additional probable cause to support such a search (e.g., evidence may be moved or destroyed, the threat of serious bodily injury or death, or other exigent circumstances exist).

5. The judge or bail commissioner **MUST** complete the "jurat" or the clause located directly under the probable cause (center right of 75-175) stating when, where and before whom such affidavit was sworn. (Exception: The "jurat" on the 75-175 need NOT be completed by the judge or bail commissioner if a 75-51 is used and its "jurat" is completed.)

**NOTE:** As a result, the signature and seal of the issuing authority will appear a total of two (2) times. Once on the bottom section of the 75-175 and once on the "jurat" section of the 75-51 OR twice on the 75-175 ("jurat" and bottom section), if no 75-51 is used.

- E. When additional space is required to complete the probable cause, use a Continuation Report (75-51) regardless of the amount of information supplied. The following steps will be carried out:

1. Type in capital letters in the narrative section of the 75-51, CONTINUATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR WARRANT # \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Complete the necessary probable cause information.
3. Directly under the last sentence of probable cause and at the bottom of the last page of the 75-51, type the following exactly as shown.

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Signature of Affiant      Badge #      Dist/Unit

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before  
me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Signature of Issuing Authority

4. The officer (affiant) will affix their signature, badge number and district/unit on the line just completed in Step 3 above.
5. Attach the 75-51 to the 75-175.
6. Ensure the judge or bail commissioner signs and affixes their seal to the 75-51 on the line shown in Step 3 above.

**NOTE:** The first page (affidavit) of the 75-51 and 75-175 will be kept by the issuing authority. A copy of the 75-51 will be attached to the corresponding copy of the 75-175, including the "owner-occupant-premises" copy.

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## 5. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM INFORMANTS OR THIRD PARTIES

- A. Court decisions from both Federal and State Supreme Courts have established the test of the "totality of circumstances" as the standard of review by courts in assessing search warrant applications based upon information acquired through informants and third parties.
- B. Affidavits will be reviewed in their entirety, and significance will be given to each relevant piece of information provided by the informant or third party and not exclusively on their credibility and reliability of the informant or third party.
- C. Credibility and reliability are still significant factors in search warrant applications. Credibility, reliability, as well as all issues relating to the "totality" standard can all be enhanced with an officer's independent investigation and observation and additional corroboration of the informant's and third party's information.

**NOTE:** Thorough investigation and analysis is important since informants can intentionally give false and misleading information. Officers can also consult with the on-duty ADA, where appropriate to evaluate these issues.

- D. Sworn personnel must be prepared to verify the informant's past reliability at the suppression hearing and all information placed in the warrant must be accurate and appropriate to the best of the officer's knowledge.

- E. When information has been obtained from another person (criminal or citizen informant, another police officer or anonymously), the officer completing the 75-175 must include specifically what information was received and how and when the information was obtained.
- F. Information obtained from informants, particularly criminal informants, must be thoroughly examined and documented in order to use in and successfully sustain the probable cause for the warrant and future court challenges. Sworn personnel should strive to include as much information as possible in the probable cause section of the affidavit. Information included should be:

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## **6. PROCEDURE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE SEARCH WARRANT**

### **A. Executing the Search Warrant**

1. The search warrant must be served during the "daytime" hours (6:00 AM to 10:00 PM) unless a "night-time" search (10:01 PM to 5:59 AM) has been authorized, on the face of the warrant, by a judge or bail commissioner. It must also be served within a specified period of time not to exceed two (2) days from the date of issuance. A judge or bail commissioner may, however, designate a lesser period of time for its execution.
  - a. Search and seizure warrants that have not been served within the specified period of time, (two (2) days from the date of issuance), must be voided.
2. Sworn personnel serving the warrant will thoroughly review it for accuracy, specifically concentrating on the exact location and description of property to be searched.
3. Sworn personnel are expected to perform the search in a highly professional manner. Officers will not use abusive or derogatory language, threats, or intimidation while serving and executing a search warrant. Weapons should not be displayed unnecessarily after the safety of the officers has been ensured and the premises secured as authorized by Directive 10.1, "Use of Force – Involving the Discharge of Firearms." Officers engaging in improper or unprofessional conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.
4. Property should never be damaged or destroyed unless the search cannot be conducted without such action. The unnecessary damage or destruction of personal property by police during a search is strictly prohibited and WILL result in severe disciplinary action as well as possible review by the courts.
5. When individuals are present while a residential search warrant is being served:
  - a. Officers are required to complete a Vehicle or Pedestrian Investigation Report (75-48A) on all individuals in the immediate vicinity during a search of a residential location which is being conducted based upon a valid search warrant.
  - b. According to the United States Supreme Court, the basis for the search warrant provides the necessary justification to lawfully detain the occupants in the immediate vicinity of a residential search, even if the officers have no reason to suspect criminal activity by the individuals.



- c. While the search warrant allows the individuals present to be detained during the search, it does not automatically authorize an officer to frisk the individuals. Officers must have additional reasonable suspicion to believe the individual present during a search warrant has a weapon that could harm the officer. The additional reasonable suspicion must be articulated on the 75-48A when any frisk is conducted.

**B. Knock and Announce Rule**

1. The purpose of the "knock and announce" rule is to prevent violence and physical injury to police and occupants, to protect an occupant's expectation of privacy, to prevent property damage resulting from forced entry and to give the occupants an opportunity to surrender the premises.
2. The manner of entry is provided in Rule 2007 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and is as follows:
  - a. Without exception, a law enforcement officer executing a search warrant shall, before entry, give or make a reasonable effort to give notice of their identity, authority and purpose to any occupant of the premise specified in the warrant.
  - b. Such officer shall await a response for a reasonable period of time after their announcement before gaining entry into the property.
  - c. If the officer is not admitted after such a reasonable period of time, they may forcibly enter the premises and may use as much physical force to effect entry therein as is necessary to execute the search warrant.

**NOTE:** The courts have not precisely and uniformly determined the exact period of time that can be considered "reasonable." However, recent court decisions have shown that 30 seconds should be the minimum time police personnel should delay their entry into a property after announcing their presence and purpose.

**C. Exceptions to the Knock and Announce Rule**

1. While the courts recognize specific exceptions to the Knock and Announce rule, it shall be the policy of the Philadelphia Police Department to knock and announce prior to any warrant service. If any investigator believes that their safety is at risk by knocking and announcing the warrant, the warrant service shall be referred to the SWAT Unit.

**D. Warrant Information Card (75-614)**

1. On every occasion where a search warrant has been obtained, sworn personnel will give to the owner or occupant, a Warrant Information Card (75-614). If there is no one present at the home, leave the Warrant Information Card (75-614) AND the owner/occupant copy of the search warrant in a clearly visible area inside the property.
2. The Warrant Information Card (75-614) MUST contain the following information:
  - a. Basic information about the search warrant process AND
    1. Name
    2. Rank
    3. Unit
    4. Office Phone Number
    5. District/Unit Address of the Commanding Officer of the district/unit that obtained the search warrant.
3. Questions or complaints concerning the warrant or search procedure can be directed to the pertinent commanding officer.

E. Seizure of Property

1. Seizing officer will perform the following:
  - a. Inventory and record the items seized on all copies of the search warrant. If necessary, reverse carbons and use the backside of the warrant to complete the inventory.
  - b. Complete the warrant in the presence of the person from whom the items were seized or in the presence of at least one witness.
  - c. Give the blue copy of the warrant, with listed items seized, to the person from whom taken or, if no one is present, leave the copy in a conspicuous location.
  - d. If items are seized, request the signature of the person from whom taken or witnesses to the seizure. If they refuse to sign, indicate so on the warrant.
  - e. Place their signature in the appropriate block.
  - f. Prepare a Property Receipt (75-3) and distribute it in accordance with Directive 12.15, "Property Taken into Custody."

**NOTE:** Even when there is no property seized, a copy of the warrant must still be given to the owner/occupant or left in a conspicuous location along with the Warrant Information Card.

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## 7. PREPARATION OF COMPLAINT OR INCIDENT REPORT (75-48)

- A. A Complaint or Incident Report (75-48) will be prepared when a search is needed. Use the same DC number that was issued to the 75-175.

B. In addition to the exigent circumstances information requested in Section 6-C-3 (where necessary), the 75-48 will also include: (PLEAC 2.7.2)

1. Date and time service was executed/attempted. (PLEAC 2.7.2 a)
2. Name of officer(s) executing/attempting service. (PLEAC 2.7.2 b)
3. Name of person on whom the search warrant was served/executed. (PLEAC 2.7.2 c)
4. Address of service/attempt. (PLEAC 2.7.2 e)
5. Warrant Number.
6. Method of entry (consent, use of force, etc.). (PLEAC 2.7.2 d)
7. Results of search (arrest, seizure of items, negative results). (PLEAC 2.7.2 d)
8. Damage to property (describe in detail).
9. Wrong location - when the warrant has been served on the "wrong location" state, "Warrant served on wrong location" and include both the correct and incorrect numerical locations and the name of the owner/occupant of the incorrect location.
  - a. Damage to the property or service of warrants at a "wrong location" must be reported to Police Radio immediately.
10. Whenever a search warrant has been served on a "wrong location," the Commanding Officer of the district/unit that obtained the warrant will be notified. They will notify the pertinent Chief Inspector and prepare a memorandum to the Police Commissioner, sent through the chain of command, describing the entire incident. The Commanding Officer of the district of occurrence will be notified by the Commanding Officer of the district/unit that obtained the warrant.

**NOTE:** A "wrong location" does not exist when all factors indicate correct warrant service at the premises described in the warrant was accomplished. (i.e., simply because the search produced negative results, does not indicate a "wrong location"). However, negative search incidents should be carefully reviewed by the supervisor and by the Commanding Officer when they review the search warrant as per Section 9-B of this directive and take action when necessary.

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## **8. DISTRIBUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT (75-175) AND COMPLAINT OR INCIDENT REPORT (75-48)**

- A. Before the search warrant is broken down, photocopy the Reports Control (white) copy and note on the bottom "Commanding Officer Central File" and give to the district/unit Commanding Officer that obtained the warrant. (If a 75-51 has been completed, also make a copy for the "Commanding Officer Central File").

B.	75-175	75-48
White (Affidavit)	Retained by Affiant	N/A
White	Reports Control	Reports Control (PLEAC 2.7.1)
Canary	Property seized and Arrest Made or Only Arrest Made (Attach forward to Arraignment Court)	Dist/Unit case file
	All Other Cases or Combinations (to Clerk of Quarter Sessions, 1301 Filbert Street	Dist/Unit case file
Green	Property seized and Arrest Made or only Arrest Made (to District Attorney at Arraignment Court)	N/A
	Property seized, No Arrest or No seizure, No Arrest (to District Attorney's Office – 3 South Penn Square)	N/A
	Non-Service or No Search (To Reports Control)	N/A
Pink	Retained by bail commissioner	N/A
Blue	Owner/Occupant/Premise Copy	N/A

#### C. Voided Warrants

1. Partially and completed 75-175s with no judge's or bail commissioner's signature are to be maintained by the district/unit Commanding Officer, except for the Reports Control copy.
  - a. Mark the word "VOID" in large block letters across face of the warrant.
  - b. Describe the reason for voidance in "Results of Search" block and include the supervisor's concurring signature.
  - c. Record on the Internal Control Log (75-390) that the warrant is void.
  - d. Send the "voided" white copy of the 75-175 to Reports Control.

2. Whenever a search warrant is voided, the immediate supervisor will prepare a memorandum to their Commanding Officer explaining why the warrant was voided.
  - a. This will include search and seizure warrants that have not been served within the specified period of time (two (2) days from the date of issuance).

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## **9. SEARCH WARRANT CONTROL LOG (75-390)**

- A. The Search Warrant Control Log (75-390) shall be maintained by Commanding Officers to ensure internal control of search warrants issued by their command.
- B. Commanding Officers shall review this log periodically, and on a monthly basis review each search warrant issued to ensure all legal and departmental guidelines have been carried out.

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## **10. ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE 75-175**

- A. District/Unit Commanding Officers will always ensure that district/unit's DAR code number is placed on the memorandum to the Police Warehouse when requests for 75-175s are made. No warrants will be distributed unless a memorandum with the proper DAR code number is re-sent to the warehouse supervisor.
- B. District/Unit Commanding Officers will always ensure, as per Section 1-C of this directive that the distribution of the search warrants to personnel are completed only in sequential order.

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## **11. ARRESTS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES**

- A. Absent exigent circumstances, the following warrant requirements must be met for a legal arrest in a private residence:
  1. An arrest warrant is needed before an individual may be arrested in their place of residence regardless of the grade of the offense.
  2. Both an arrest AND a search warrant are needed to enter a residence other than the defendant's in order to search for and arrest the defendant.
  3. Both an arrest AND a search warrant are needed to enter any residence, whether owned by the defendant or not, if the purpose of the police entry is to arrest a suspect and search for evidence.

- B. Warrantless arrests and searches are permitted where exigent circumstances exist. However, courts generally review the reasonableness of police actions based upon exigent circumstances on a case-by-case basis and these issues are closely scrutinized. As a basic rule of procedure where time and circumstances permit, an arrest and/or search warrant must be obtained. (PLEAC 1.2.3)
1. Some factors, which courts consider in determining whether exigent circumstances existed, are:
    - a. the reasonable belief that a threat of physical harm to police officers or others exists unless an arrest is made immediately.
    - b. the seriousness of the offense.
    - c. a strong reason to believe that the suspect is on the premises AND committed a crime.
    - d. the likelihood that the suspect will escape.
    - e. a "hot pursuit" of a suspect who flees into a building.
    - f. the manner of entry (i.e., **REDACTED – LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE**).
  2. Officers will be required to document the fact that such exigent circumstances existed and may be required to articulate such details through court testimony.
  3. EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT EXIST WHERE OFFICERS CREATE THEIR OWN EMERGENCY. (E.G., IF AN OFFICER PLACES THEMSELVES IN A PLACE WHERE THEY ARE NOT LEGALLY PERMITTED TO BE AND THEY ARE FORCED TO TAKE POLICE ACTION. THE COURTS MAY NOT PROTECT THESE ACTIONS UNDER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES.)
- C. An arrest for any crime committed in the presence of police does not require a warrant regardless of the location in which the arrest is made, provided the arrest occurs immediately.
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## 12. CONSENT TO SEARCH

- A. The consent to search is one of the few legally recognized exceptions, created by the U.S. Supreme Court, permitting law enforcement personnel to search a person or property without a search warrant.
- B. Officers obtaining a consent to search must proceed carefully as a knowing, voluntary, and informed choice by the individual to be searched must be given.
- C. Once consent is given, sworn personnel may seize:
  1. Contraband, the fruits of a crime, or other things criminally possessed.



2. Property which is or has been used as the means of committing a criminal offense.
  3. Property, which constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense.
- D. This section guides personnel in the use of the consent to search either a person, place or thing.
- E. Sworn personnel should only use the consent to search when there exists less than the requisite probable cause to conduct a warrantless search or to secure a search warrant.
- F. Consent to search will not be used as a substitute for a valid search warrant. If the officer has probable cause and there are no exigent circumstances, which require an immediate search, they **MUST** obtain a search warrant.
- G. A supervisor will always be consulted before a consent to search and, unless there are extenuating circumstances, a supervisor (not necessarily from the officer's/investigator's district/unit that is requesting approval) should be physically on location and sign/endorse the Consent to Search Form (75-668).
1. Consent to a **STRIP SEARCH** **MUST** be approved, in writing, by the highest-ranking supervisor available in the district/unit.
  2. Consent to a **BODY CAVITY SEARCH** **MUST** be approved, in writing, by a Lieutenant or higher-ranking supervisor.
    - a. A Consent to Search Form (75-668) and a Complaint or Incident Report (75-48) **WILL** be completed for these two types of consent searches. Consent to perform strip or body cavity searches will be conducted as prescribed in Section 21.
- H. All consent searches should be in writing using a Consent to Search Form (75-668).
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### **13. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONSENT TO SEARCH**

- A. The courts will uphold a consent to search only when the following conditions have been met:
1. that a statement has been made consenting to the search;
  2. that it has been given by the owner or possessor of the premise;
  3. by a third party who possesses common authority over or other sufficient relationship to the property or effects to be searched,
  4. and the consent is given voluntarily **AND** without being the result of duress or coercion, either expressed or implied.

B. Factors, which may suggest to a court that consent was voluntarily given, include but are not limited to:

1. the consenting party was not in police custody at the time of their consent;
2. the consenting party's custodial status was voluntary when consent was given;
3. the consenting party believed police would find no contraband;
4. the consenting party was aware of their right to refuse;
5. the consenting party was informed by police prior to the request for consent what the police were searching for;
6. the consenting party signed a consent to search form prior to the search; and
7. that the consenting party agreed to assist police in conducting the search.

C. Factors, which may suggest to a court that consent was coerced, include but are not limited to:

1. the presence of abusive or overbearing police actions and procedures;
2. police use of deception or trickery to gain consent to search;
3. statements or actions by police indicating the consenting party was not free to refuse the search;
4. where consent is given by a person already in police custody;
5. where police had blocked or impaired the consenting party's freedom of movement; and
6. where consent was granted but only after it had been refused initially.

D. In addition to the requirements described in Section 13-A above, officers will ensure they provide the consenting party with the following warnings:

1. that the consenting party has the right to require the police to obtain a search warrant; and
2. that they have the right to refuse to consent to a search.

E. If the person is in police custody, three (3) additional warnings must be provided:

1. that any items found can and will be confiscated and may be used against them in court;
2. they have the right to consult with an attorney before making a decision to consent; and
3. they have the right to withdraw their consent at any time.

**NOTE:** In addition to the factors described in this section, officers should also take into consideration the mental competence of the person granting consent, whether they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and their age. The status of a minor alone does not prevent one from giving consent.

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#### 14. SCOPE OF THE CONSENT TO SEARCH

- A. The following limitations are placed upon an officer who has been granted a consent to search:
1. An officer may NOT exceed the limits of the consent.
    - a. If consent has been granted to search for a particular object or person, the officer may only search those places where the person or object could be found.
  2. Consent may be revoked at any time during the course of the search.
    - a. However, items found before the consent was revoked remain subject to seizure.
  3. Sworn personnel should not open locked containers without specific permission from the consenting party.
    - a. This is permission above and beyond the initial consent.

**NOTE:** A consent search may disclose the basis for an arrest or for the probable cause needed to acquire a search warrant.

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#### 15. PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A CONSENT TO SEARCH

- A. The procedures to be followed for conducting a consent to search:
1. A supervisor will always be consulted before a consent to search and, unless there are extenuating circumstances, a supervisor (not necessarily from the officer's/investigator's district/unit that is requesting approval) should be physically on location and sign/endorse the Consent to Search Form (75-668). Consent to a strip or body cavity search requires written approval of a supervisor.

**NOTE:** The procedures in Section 21 of this directive must be adhered to when conducting strip or body cavity searches.

2. Determine the consenting party's authority to truly give consent to search.
3. Provide the consenting party with all pertinent warnings as outlined in Section 13-D and E.
4. Prepare the Consent to Search Form (75-668) for each request ensuring as much information as possible is completed before presenting it to the consenting party.

5. Provide a detailed description of the person or property to be searched and the particular offense under investigation.
  6. Before the consenting party signs the form, the officer will read the statement they are signing and explain it to them.
  7. Obtain a witness (may be another officer) to serve the consenting party and to sign the document. Witness must be competent and available to testify.
  8. Request a signature of the consenting party. If the consent is granted, but the party refuses to sign, note the refusal on the consent form.
  9. Ensure the witness or another officer accompanies the searching officer throughout the premises. REQUEST THAT THE CONSENTING PARTY ALSO ACCOMPANY THE SEARCHING OFFICER THROUGH THE PREMISES.
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## **16. SEIZURE OF PROPERTY**

A. When property is seized as a result of the search, police will:

1. Strike out the word "nothing" in the Results of Search section of the Consent to Search Form.
2. List the items seized on the Consent to Search Form. Reverse the carbon of Consent to Search Form and use the back if additional space is required.
3. Prepare a Property Receipt (75-3) listing all items seized. If the consenting party refuses to return to the district/unit to complete the Property Receipt, note the refusal on the receipt.
4. Note the Property Receipt number on the Consent to Search Form.
5. Have the consenting party sign the Consent to Search Form on the bottom section below "Results of Search." Explain that their signature indicates that police only seized those items listed. If the party refuses to sign, note the refusal on the form. (This will amount to the consenting party's signature appearing twice on the Consent to Search Form and once on the Property Receipt).
6. Have the witnesses sign the Consent to Search Form just below the consenting party's signature. (This will also amount to the witnesses' signature appearing twice on the Consent to Search Form).
7. Give the carbon copy of the Consent to Search Form to the consenting party, as well as the pertinent copy of the Property Receipt (75-3).

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## **17. NO SEIZURE OF PROPERTY**

- A. When there is no property seized, police will:
1. Strike out the words "only those items listed below" in the Results of Search section.
  2. Insert N/A in the spaces provided for inventory of items.
  3. Have the consenting party sign the Consent to Search Form on the bottom section below "Results of Search." Explain that their signature indicates that the police seized nothing. If the party refuses to sign, note the refusal on the form (This will amount to the consenting party's signature appearing twice on the Consent to Search Form).
  4. Have the witnesses sign the Consent to Search Form just below the consenting party's signature (This will amount to the witnesses' signature(s) appearing twice on the Consent to Search Form).
  5. Give the carbon copy of the Consent to Search Form to the consenting party.
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## **18. SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF LUGGAGE**

- A. The scope of a search incident to a lawful arrest is limited to the person arrested and the area within their immediate control.
- B. The search of personal property immediately associated with the arrestee does not require a search warrant (e.g., wallets, purses).
- C. When an arrested individual is carrying a suitcase, briefcase, footlocker, etc., the luggage may be seized. However, the contents of the luggage are generally not within the immediate control of the arrested individual and therefore, the luggage can only be opened/searched pursuant to the following guidelines:
1. When the arresting officer has probable cause to believe that a suitcase, briefcase, footlocker, etc., may contain contraband or instruments of a crime, the luggage shall be seized, but NOT opened until a search warrant has been properly secured.
  2. In all cases where exigent circumstances exist, an immediate search may be made at the time of the arrest. However, the exigent circumstances must be clearly articulated. Exigent circumstances include, but are not limited to the following:
    - a. Immediately dangerous instruments (e.g. explosives).

- b. Definite possibility that evidence may be destroyed or the evidence is perishable (e.g., blood).
  - D. When the arresting officer has no reason to believe that the luggage contains contraband or evidence, the luggage shall be seized and:
    - 1. Placed on a Property Receipt (75-3) in accordance with Directive 12.15, "Property Taken into Custody."
    - 2. The luggage will be opened and inventoried in the presence of the person from whom it was seized. Items will be listed on the pertinent property receipts.
- NOTE:** Property of different categories inside the luggage must be placed on separate property receipts (e.g., prescription medicine, money, jewelry must be placed on separate receipts and stored separately from the luggage).
- a. If the luggage, bag, etc., does not fit in the evidence drop box, it must be stored in the evidence holding room.
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## **19. PREMIERONE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (P1RMS)**

- A. When an arrest is made or evidence is seized, ensure the Premier One Records Management System (P1RMS) contains the following:
  - 1. Identity of the consenting party by name, age, race, sex, date of birth, and address.
  - 2. Facts and circumstances indicating the consenting party owned or controlled the property searched or had common authority over it. (e.g., Person had possession of item to be searched, they identified themselves as the owner, utility company or tax records reflect ownership, possession of the lease or deed, witnesses statements).
  - 3. Facts and circumstances indicating the consent was given voluntarily (See Section 13-B).
  - 4. Facts and circumstances of the search.
- B. **PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY** - In order for the District Attorney's Charging Unit (DACU) to have sufficient information to approve an arrest in PARS, investigators will ensure that the below information is entered and/or scanned into the P1RMS system immediately upon completion of the PARS report (and before the end of the investigator's tour of duty).
  - 1. Required **PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY** needed for PARS Arrest approval:



- a. 75-48 – Complaint or Incident Report.
  - b. 75-48A – Vehicle/Pedestrian Investigation Report (when applicable).
  - c. Victim(s)/Complainant(s) signed statement (75-483).
  - d. Witness(es) signed statement (75-483).
  - e. Defendant(s) signed statement (75-331) (when applicable).
  - f. Police Officer(s) signed statement (75-483).
  - g. Property Receipt(s) (75-3).
  - h. Description of suspect/defendant identification procedure (describe street identification).
  - i. Biographical Data Report (75-229).
  - j. Search and Seizure Warrants (75-175) if served.
  - k. Retail Theft Apprehension Form (75-635) (when applicable).
  - l. Ownership and Non-Permission Interview Sheet (75-636) (when applicable).
  - m. Auto Accident Reports (TrACS) (i.e., DUI arrest with auto accident).
  - n. Upload Photo Array.
  - o. 75-43A Supplemental (if applicable).
  - p. Consent to Search (75-668) and/or Consent to Search DNA Form (75-625).
2. It is important to note that any and all forms, reports, documents, and items used or seized in any investigation or arrest WILL be entered into the PIRMS.

**NOTE:** The Commanding Officer of the Unit/Division assigned to the investigation/arrest will be responsible for ensuring that all police reports pertaining to the investigation/arrest are properly transmitted to the District Attorney's Office.

- C. When a consent to search was requested or conducted in an attempt to apprehend a wanted subject, document on the "Attempt to Apprehend Log" and in PIRMS Case File. Place a copy in the wanted person's folder.

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## 20. CONSENT TO SEARCH FORMS

- A. Depending on the circumstances, the following forms will be used:

1. Use Form 75-668 when consenting party understands English and/or Spanish, whether or not in custody.

**NOTE:** When available, a Spanish-speaking officer or witness/interpreter should be utilized to ensure that the consenting party fully understands the conditions of their consent.

2. Distribution of the Consent to Search Form (75-668) will be as follows:
  - a. White Copy - will be maintained by the Commanding Officer, Reports Control Unit.

- b. Yellow Copy - will be maintained by the Commanding Officer of the district/unit where the officer is assigned.
    - c. Pink Copy - will be given to the consenting party.
  - B. Use the Consent to Search Form (DNA Sample) 75-625/Request for Expungement (Voluntary DNA Sample) 75-625A when:
    - 1. The consenting party freely and voluntarily consents to give a biological sample (i.e., oral swab, blood) intended for DNA comparison whether or not the consenting party is in custody. Ensure that all boxes are properly filled out prior to obtaining the sample.  
**NOTE:** If the person does not understand English, an appropriate interpreter must be utilized to ensure that the consenting party fully understands the conditions of their consent (Refer to Directive 7.7, “Limited English Language Proficiency”).
    - 2. Acquisition of the 75-625/75-625A will be the same procedure as outlined in Section 10.
    - 3. Distribution of the 75-625/75-625A will be as follows:
      - a. White Copy (75-625) will be attached to the Property Receipt (75-3) prepared for the sample submitted to the Office of Forensic Science.
      - b. Yellow Copy (75-625) will be maintained by the Detective Division and/or Investigative Unit collecting the sample.
      - c. Pink Copy (75-625) will be given to the consenting party.
      - d. Request for Expungement Form (75-625A) will be given to the consenting party.
    - 4. Control of the forms should remain with each unit’s Commanding Officer to ensure internal control and sequential issuing of the form by their command.
- NOTE:** No other forms will be used for collecting a consent DNA sample. A sample of the 75-625/75-625A is contained at the end of this directive.
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## 21. STRIP AND BODY CAVITY SEARCHES

- A. Procedures outlined in this section are to guide members of the Philadelphia Police Department in the effective and proper use of strip and body cavity searches.

- B. Sworn personnel of the Philadelphia Police Department shall conduct ALL searches in a legal, thorough and professional manner.
- C. Sworn personnel may conduct intrusive searches, such as a strip or body cavity search, ONLY under the limited circumstances described in this section. POLICE PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ROUTINELY CONDUCT OR AUTHORIZE STRIP/BODY CAVITY SEARCHES ON EVERY INDIVIDUAL TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY.
- D. A strip search may only be conducted when an individual has been lawfully taken into custody AND sworn personnel can identify specific factors which establish a reasonable suspicion that the individual possesses a weapon or contraband, such as controlled substances, or evidence of a specific crime.
- E. A body cavity search may only be conducted when an individual has been lawfully taken into custody AND sworn personnel have obtained a search warrant thereby establishing probable cause to search for:
  - 1. contraband, the fruits of a crime, or things otherwise criminally possessed; or
  - 2. property which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
  - 3. property, which constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense.

**EXCEPTION:** A search warrant is not required when an individual to be searched gives written consent to a search.

- F. Any strip search conducted must be approved, in writing, by the highest-ranking supervisor available in the district/unit. Any body cavity search will only be approved, in writing, by a Lieutenant or higher-ranking officer. They will also be present in the area of the search or designate a subordinate supervisor to do so (need not visually witness the search).
- G. All police districts, narcotics and detective units, as well as other units where persons may be brought for investigation, arrest or processing, will maintain a strip/body cavity search file (Homicide, PDU, etc.). This file will be maintained alphabetically by the last name of the individual who was searched. The yellow copy of the Complaint or Incident Report (75-48) will be maintained in the file. District/Unit Commanding Officers will review and initial the report before it is placed in the file. This file will be maintained for five (5) years.
- H. Definitions
  - 1. Standard Search - the thorough physical examination of an individual taken into custody pursuant to an arrest, a warrant, evidence of a specific crime, or where consent has been given by the individual. This search is used to uncover a weapon or contraband such as controlled substances.

**NOTE:** The mouth (oral cavity) search is part of the standard search and should be completed when this type of search is to be utilized, if necessary.

- a. The search can consist of the removal of a person's OUTER GARMENTS (i.e., the coat, jacket, sweater, vest, wig, shoes, socks, hat, and handbag or wallet) as well as the grabbing, squeezing or sliding the hands over the remaining clothing to detect a weapon or contraband.
  - b. A standard search does not preclude the touching of any part of the person's body, through their clothing, in an attempt to ensure that the person does not possess a weapon or contraband.
  - c. Police personnel may also conduct a subsequent standard search on arrested individuals delivered to their custody as outlined in Directives 5.14, "Investigation and Charging Procedure" and Directive 7.8, "Adult Detainees in Police Custody."
2. Strip Search - the removal or rearrangement of clothing to permit the VISUAL inspection of a person's undergarments, buttocks, anus, genitals or breasts to search for a weapon or contraband such as controlled substances.
  3. Body Cavity Search - the actual entering or touching, by instrument or appendage, a person's anal or vaginal area ONLY in an effort to search for a weapon, evidence or contraband such as controlled substances.
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## **22. STRIP SEARCH GUIDELINES**

### **A. STRIP SEARCHES**

1. Can only be conducted with:
  - a. The existence of specific factors which establish a reasonable suspicion by the officer that the individual possesses a weapon or contraband, such as controlled substances, or evidence of a specific crime and that person has been lawfully taken into custody.
  - b. These factors are taken into consideration:
    - 1) nature of the crime;
    - 2) circumstances of the arrest;
    - 3) acts of violence, if any
    - 4) discoveries from prior arrests and/or previous searches of the subject;
    - 5) subject's reputation or conduct.

**NOTE:** The search must be authorized, in writing, by the highest-ranking supervisor available in the district/unit. The supervisor, or a subordinate supervisor will be present in the area of the search (they need not visually witness the search). Also, the mere fact that an arrest has occurred for a specific crime (e.g., Narcotics Offense) is not, by itself, reasonable suspicion to conduct a strip search. All factors must be considered prior to requesting a strip search.

2. **WILL** be conducted:

- a. In a dignified and professional manner and the person to be searched will not be required to remain unclothed any longer than is necessary to complete the search.
- b. In a police or medical facility or other secure building except under exigent circumstances.
- c. In private and by an officer of the same sex as the person to be searched. (When practical, two officers of the same sex will be present).

**NOTE:** An officer may not touch the undergarments or the exposed breasts, genitals, vaginal or anal areas of the person being searched, unless it is to remove/recover a weapon, contraband, or evidence of a specific crime. Use verbal commands to complete the search.

3. **WILL NOT** be conducted for:

- a. Traffic violations ONLY,
- b. Investigatory stops ONLY,
- c. Summary offenses requiring only the issuance of a Non-Traffic Summary Offense Citation (03-8) where the person is to be immediately released upon its completion.

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## 23. BODY CAVITY SEARCH GUIDELINES

### A. BODY CAVITY SEARCHES

1. Can only be conducted if:

- a. The person has been lawfully arrested AND a warrant outlining the probable cause to believe the person possesses:
  - 1) contraband, the fruits of a crime, or things otherwise criminally possessed;  
or

- 2) property which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense; or
  - 3) property, which constitutes evidence of the commission of a criminal offense.
2. Person to be searched gives written consent.

**NOTE:** Although a body cavity search is technically authorized by the authority issuing the search warrant, the request for such a warrant will still be approved and authorized, in writing, by a Lieutenant or higher-ranking supervisor. That supervisor, or a subordinate supervisor, will be present in the area of the search (they need not visually witness the search).

3. **WILL** be conducted:
- a. In a medical facility and ONLY by a licensed physician and their medical staff.
  - b. In private and in view of only the doctor, medical staff and an officer(s) of the same sex as the person to be searched.
  - c. In a dignified and professional manner and the person to be searched will not be required to remain unclothed any longer than the physician has deemed necessary.
4. **WILL NOT** be conducted for:
- a. Traffic violations ONLY,
  - b. Investigatory stops ONLY,
  - c. Summary offenses requiring only the issuance of a Non-Traffic Summary Offense Citation (03-8) where the person is to be immediately released upon its completion.
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## **24. STRIP/BODY CAVITY SEARCH PROCEDURE**

A. Sworn personnel requesting a search (strip/body cavity) will:

1. Ensure the person to be searched is properly secured until authorization is granted to search.
2. Request the presence of the highest-ranking supervisor available in the district/unit.
3. Request the assistance of an officer of the same sex as the person to be searched, if not present.



4. State the facts, to the authorizing supervisor, which reveals their reasonable suspicion (strip search) or probable cause (body cavity search).
5. If a strip search is approved, conduct as described in Section 22.
6. If a body cavity search is approved, obtain a warrant as per Section 3.

B. Supervisor authorizing (strip/body cavity search):

1. Will evaluate the officer's request and ensure it meets the standard of reasonable suspicion (strip searches) or probable cause (body cavity searches) and take into consideration the totality of facts and circumstances including:
  - a. nature of the crime;
  - b. circumstances of the arrest;
  - c. acts of violence, if any
  - d. discoveries from prior arrests and/or previous searches of the suspect;
  - e. suspect's reputation of conduct.

**NOTE:** The authorizing supervisor will not approve a strip search solely on the fact that an arrest has occurred for a specific crime (e.g., narcotics offense).

2. Will approve or disapprove the request.
3. Will ensure the search is conducted in the proper facility as indicated in Section 22 and 23 of this directive.
4. Will ensure a strip search is conducted and viewed ONLY by an officer(s) of the same sex and that a cavity search is conducted and viewed ONLY by a licensed physician, medical staff and an officer(s) of the same sex as the person being searched.
5. Will be, or have a designated supervisor, present in the area of the search as it occurs (need not visually witness the search).
6. Will prepare, or designate a subordinate supervisor to prepare, a strip or body cavity search Complaint or Incident Report (75-48) for every individual search conducted. ALWAYS use the District Control number of the original assignment or arrest.
  - a. A new District Control number will ONLY be obtained when there is no District Control number for the original assignment.

**NOTE:** A copy of the search 75-48 must be scanned into the Case File.

**EXCEPTION:** Where there is no Summary Citation. (See Section 25-C).

7. Will ensure the 75-48 includes the following:
  - a. Name of the person searched (Complainant Block).
  - b. Name and badge number of the officer requesting the search.
  - c. Specific factors justifying the search.
  - d. Type of search conducted (strip or body cavity).
  - e. Whether the search was conducted under a warrant (include warrant number), consent, reasonable suspicion, or probable cause.
  - f. Signature and badge number of the officer or physician's signature that conducted search.
  - g. Name and badge number of the witnessing officer.
  - h. Date, time started, time finished and location where the search took place.
  - i. Any item(s) found during the search.
  - j. AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE AND BADGE NUMBER.
8. Will ensure that a strip/body cavity search was conducted and its details are noted on the district/unit S&R, noting the pertinent information including the District Control number.

C. Sworn personnel conducting a search (strip search only) will:

1. Ensure the area where the search will take place is secure and cannot be used to escape custody.
2. Not touch the person's exposed breasts, anus, buttocks, genitals, or undergarments. Use verbal commands to ensure a thorough search.
3. Inform the authorizing supervisor of the items found.
4. Sign and include the badge number on the 75-48.

D. ORS/Investigative Unit Supervisor will:

1. Ensure that a 75-48 is prepared, submitted, and, when an arrest is made and scanned into the Case File whenever a strip/body cavity search is conducted.
2. Code search 75-48 – Strip Search (no code number).
3. Ensure that an entry is made on the S&R with a brief description of the incident.
4. In addition, ensure that if a juvenile has undergone a strip/body cavity search, that it is noted in the remarks section of the computerized Juvenile Flow Chart.

**NOTE:** Whenever there is a Summary Citation, the strip/body cavity search 75-48 will always be attached.

- E. Commanding Officers will periodically review 75-48s to ensure the guidelines in this directive are followed.
    - 1. On a monthly basis, the district/unit Commanding Officer will send a memorandum through the chain of command to the Commanding Officer, Standards and Accountability, listing the number of strip/body cavity searches conducted by their personnel; include a DC number.
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## **25. DISTRIBUTION OF SEARCH 75-48 (STRIP/BODY CAVITY SEARCHES)**

- A. The strip/body cavity search 75-48 will be distributed as follows:
    - 1. White copy – scanned into the PIRMS Case File.
    - 2. Yellow copy - maintain alphabetically in district/unit strip search file of district/unit conducting the search.
  - B. When only a Summary Citation (03-8) is required:
    - 1. White copy - attach to yellow copy of citation (Reports Control).
    - 2. Pink copy - attach to blue copy of citation (Police District).
    - 3. Yellow copy- maintain alphabetically in district/unit strip search file of the district/unit conducting the search.
  - C. When the person searched is released and not charged: (no Summary Citation).
    - 1. White and pink copy - hand delivered to the ORS of the district of apprehension who will distribute as per Directive 12.11, “Complaint or Incident Report (75-48).” The delivery must be completed within 24 hours of the search.
    - 2. Yellow copy - maintain alphabetically in the district/unit strip search file of district/unit conducting the search.
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## **26. SEARCH WARRANT TRACKING**

- A. It will be the overall responsibility of the Reports Control Unit to monitor and track the flow of all Department search warrants from their release by the Police Warehouse, to the individual districts/units, on through their service, post service, and filing stages. Individual Commanding Officers will have the ability to monitor their original affidavits on a regular basis to ensure total compliance with this directive.

- B. The Integrity Control Office will be responsible for an additional level of oversight pertaining to the actual review of the search warrants. This review will help to identify any improprieties or corruption. A statistical report will be generated for the Police Commissioner as directed.
- C. It will be the responsibility of the district/unit Commanding Officers, with the exception of Homicide and the Special Investigations Bureau's (SIB) units, to obtain, distribute, control, review and file all search warrants that have been assigned to their district/unit in accordance with this directive.
- D. It will be the responsibility of the Homicide and SIB Unit commanders/supervisors (captain, lieutenants and sergeants) to obtain, distribute, control, review and file all search warrants that have been assigned for their unit's use. By delegating this responsibility to the supervisors instead of the commanders of the two units expected to use the greatest number of warrants, a more efficient method of tracking can be developed.
- E. Only a supervisor will be able to obtain a package of warrants (packages contain 25) from the warehouse. No more than two packages (50 warrants) will be obtained per visit.
- F. The procedures outlined in this directive and Computer Training Bulletin 95-1 must be strictly followed and commanders/supervisors will become thoroughly familiar with their contents. Supervisors WILL NOT give their personal computer sign-on code, or delegate after signing on, to a subordinate to perform any required entry to the Search Warrant Tracking System.
- G. The contents of this section does not relieve the Commanding Officers of any district/unit, including Homicide and SIB, from maintaining the overall responsibility for any and all warrants issued to their personnel. The Commanding Officer's goldenrod copy of the 75-175, along with all required computer entry printouts, will be maintained in their file for compliance with departmental policies and procedures.

**NOTE:** All copies of a voided affidavit/warrant are to be sent to Reports Control, except the Commanding Officer's copy, which will be retained in their file.

- H. Confidential warrants are those warrants, approved by the affiant's Chief Inspector that should remain confidential, however, the warrant numbers must still be maintained. A memorandum will be sent by the affiant's Chief Inspector holding the confidential warrant to the Chief Inspector, Office of Professional Responsibility, listing all such warrants. The Chief Inspector, Office of Professional Responsibility, must approve these requests. When it has been determined by the requesting bureau's Chief Inspector that there is no longer a need for confidentiality, the necessary information concerning all aspects of these warrants must be immediately entered into the computer.

- I. Updating the search warrant by computer as required will be the responsibility of the affiant's supervisor/commander. All questions asked on the computer **MUST** be answered (e.g., Is there a body warrant along with the search warrant? What is the body warrant number?).
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## **27. OBTAINING WARRANTS FROM THE POLICE WAREHOUSE**

### **A. Warehouse personnel will:**

1. Only accept, from the printer of the warrants, the proper numerical, sequential 75-175's as per contract specifications.
2. Continually rotate the stock of search warrants and distribute them in sequential order only.
3. Release search warrants only to Police Department supervisors showing proper identification and presenting a memorandum, which **MUST** include the name and rank of the commander/supervisor of the requesting district/unit, payroll number and a six-digit DAR unit/platoon code number. (Exception: Office of the District Attorney and Pennsylvania State Police)

**NOTE:** The first four digits of the DAR code refer to the district/unit, while the last two digits refer to the platoon (e.g., 1st Dist., 5 platoon = 010050).

4. Ensure, alongside the receiving supervisor, that each package contains 25 sequentially numbered warrants.
5. Immediately enter all pertinent information concerning the issuance of the warrant package into the computer in accordance with Computer Training Bulletin 95-1.

### **B. District/Unit Commanding Officers will:**

1. Prepare a memorandum noting name, rank, payroll number and complete DAR unit/platoon code number addressed to the Supervisor, Police Warehouse, along with the 71-S-91, Materials Issue Slip.
2. Send a supervisor (administrative lieutenant/sergeant) to obtain warrants.
3. Inform the supervisor to accurately count the number of warrants in each package and ensure they are in sequential order.
4. Log all warrants in sequential order in the Search Warrant Control Log (75-130).

### **C. Homicide/SIU Units' Commander/Supervisor (captain/lieutenant/sergeant) will:**

1. Prepare a memorandum noting name, rank, payroll number, and complete six-digit DAR unit/platoon code number as shown below.

**NOTE:** The memorandum must be from the supervisor of the unit or platoon, not from the Commanding Officer.

**SAMPLE:** TO: Supervisor, Police Warehouse

FROM: Lieutenant John Doe, Homicide Unit, 600320, Payroll #

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SEARCH WARRANTS

Obtain or send a subordinate supervisor to obtain the warrants.

Log all warrants in sequential order in the Search Warrant Control Log (75-130).

**NOTE:** All units/platoons in Homicide or SIB must have their own 75-130s.

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## 28. DISTRIBUTING INDIVIDUAL WARRANTS

- A. Only a commander/supervisor may distribute a warrant to an officer/investigator (also known as the Affiant). An issuing supervisor WILL NOT be the affiant. Distribution must be done in sequential order.

**NOTE:** Officers from one district/unit in need of a warrant WILL NOT be denied a warrant because they are not assigned to the district/unit in possession of an available warrant. A warrant will be made available to any officer or investigator in need of one (e.g., Narcotics officers working in Northeast Division will always be able to obtain a warrant from Northeast Detective Division).

- B. Distributing Commander/Supervisor will:

1. Follow the procedures outlined in Computer Training Bulletin 95-1, selecting menu screen number 2 and immediately enter all necessary information requested into the computer.
2. Immediately complete the 75-130.

**NOTE:** Failure to immediately enter the information requested into the computer will be cause for follow-up review of the status of that warrant by the Reports Control Unit.

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## 29. UPDATING SEARCH WARRANTS



- A. Once a warrant has been issued and either served or voided, it is incumbent upon the receiving officer's/investigators' supervisor to update the warrant by following the procedures in Computer Training Bulletin 95-1, selecting menu number 2 and immediately enter all necessary information requested into the computer.
  - B. All fields on the computer screen must be completed except when a warrant has been voided. In these cases, follow the directions in Computer Training Bulletin 95-1 under "Void Procedure."
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### **30. INTERNAL AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Only authorized Internal Affairs personnel will have access to Menu Selection #4, "Modify Screen" through the WRNT command on the Police system.
  - B. Authorized personnel will adhere to the procedures outlined in their copy of Computer Training Bulletin 95-1 and must answer the question concerning complaints.
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### **31. REPORTS CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Only authorized Reports Control personnel will have access to Menu Screen #5, "Reports Control Update Screen."
- B. Authorized personnel will adhere to the procedures outlined in their copy of Computer Training Bulletin 95-1 and must answer the question concerning the filing of the warrant.
- C. Copies of the warrants will be maintained in accordance with existing policy.
- D. Reports Control, on a weekly basis, will receive a register from the Data Processing Unit, which must be compared against the information available in the computer relating to completed or voided warrants.
- E. Strip/body cavity search 75-48s will be left attached to the copy of the Summary Citation.

**EXCEPTION:** When there is no Summary Citation, the strip/body cavity search 75-48 will arrive alone (See Section 25-C). Since the DC number on the strip/body cavity search 75-48 should match the DC number of original assignment, both 75-48s will be placed together.

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### **32. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Will receive, on a weekly basis, a register from the Data Processing Unit relating to completed, voided and delinquent warrants.
- B. Will initiate a follow-up review on the status of the warrant when the district/unit fails to forward relevant copies of the Search Warrant (75-175) to the Reports Control Unit within seven (7) days of execution, being voided, or when there is non-service or no search.

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**BY COMMAND OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER**

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**RELATED PROCEDURES:** Directive 5.14, Investigation and Charging Procedure  
Directive 7.8, Adult Detainees in Police Custody  
Directive 10.1, Use of Force – Involving the Discharge of Firearms

Directive 12.11, Complaint or Incident Report (75-48)  
Directive 12.15, Property Taken into Custody

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**CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM**

DATE	TIME
LOCATION	DC NUMBER (if applicable)
<p>I, _____, hereby freely and voluntarily provide consent to Philadelphia Police Officer _____ Badge# _____ to conduct a search of _____ for evidence of _____</p> <p>I understand that the officer has no search warrant authorizing this search and that I have a constitutional right to refuse permission for this search to be conducted.</p> <p>Results of Search: I certify that (nothing/only those items listed below) (was/were) removed from my custody by the Philadelphia Police Department. (If property is seized, list items below and on Property Receipt)</p> <p>Property Receipt# _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
SIGNATURE	DATE
SUPERVISOR (NAME AND BADGE #)	IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION: (EX. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER)
WITNESS SIGNATURE	

75-668

WHITE COPY

Reports Control



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PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SIGNATURE	DATE
SUPERVISOR (NAME AND BADGE #)	IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION: (EX. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER)
WITNESS SIGNATURE	

75-888

YELLOW COPY

District/Unit Commanding Officer



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 PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM

DATE	TIME
LOCATION	DC NUMBER (if applicable)
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SIGNATURE	DATE
SUPERVISOR (NAME AND BADGE #)	IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION: (EX. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER)
WITNESS SIGNATURE	

Consenting Party

75-888

PINK COPY





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# **CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM** **(DNA SAMPLE)**

DATE	TIME
LOCATION	DC NUMBER (if applicable)
<p>I, _____, hereby freely and voluntarily provide consent to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) to collect an oral swab specimen from me. I fully understand that the DNA taken from the oral swab will be analyzed and can be introduced into evidence against me in any criminal proceedings.</p> <p>I have also been fully informed that the DNA from this specimen will be entered into a DNA database and will be used for current and future criminal investigations. However, I understand that, despite providing my consent on this date, I retain the right to request the DNA profile developed from the oral swab to be expunged or deleted from the DNA database. I understand that the expungement process must be initiated by me and that I have been provided with instructions on the expungement procedures.</p> <p>I understand that the PPD does not have a search warrant for my DNA and that I have the absolute right to refuse to provide the oral swab.</p> <p>I certify that I am not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol to a degree that would hinder or otherwise diminish my ability to read and understand the consent being given. I further certify that I have, in fact, read the above statement and I am providing my consent willingly and without any threats or promises having been made to me by the PPD.</p>	
SIGNATURE	DATE
WITNESS (NAME AND BADGE #)	IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION: (EX. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER)
WITNESS SIGNATURE	

75-625

**White - OFS/DNA**





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## REQUEST FOR EXPUNGEMENT (VOLUNTARY DNA SAMPLE)

The Philadelphia Police Department will, upon request, expunge any DNA profile, from a voluntarily collected oral swab sample, from all DNA databases to which the profile was entered. Additionally, the physical specimen will also be destroyed.

The expungement and destruction only applies to the specimen and profile from the voluntary collection. Any other form of legally obtained samples/profiles, such as those collected as a result of a search warrant, court order, or as part of processing for a criminal conviction, will be maintained according to appropriate laws and procedures.

NAME: (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

DNA SEARCH FORM # (upper right corner  
of consent form)

DC NUMBER (if applicable)

DATE OF COLLECTION

LOCATION OF COLLECTION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION USED DURING COLLECTION:  
(EX. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER)

SIGNATURE

DATE

**Confirmation of expungement/destruction will be provided. Please provide contact information for the confirmation below. Allow 90 days for processing of request.**

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP

PHONE #

EMAIL ADDRESS

FAX #

# EXHIBIT “W”

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## DOG ENCOUNTERS

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### I. Introduction

A. Fewer people die annually in the United States from dog bites than from lightning strikes.

B. Training Objectives:

- Identify and respond to indicators that a dog is present in a location.
  1. Failing to anticipate a dog on the premises is a frequent mistake that Officers make.
  2. Food/water bowls, leashes/chains, worn paths in lawn usually means a dog is present.
  3. Notify owner that you are there and tell them to contain their dog.
  4. Make noise, shake fence, call to dog to avoid surprises for you or the dog.
- List indications that a dog may attack.
  1. A dog's posture often signifies the dog's intent.
  2. Behavior does not always predict a threat.
  3. Barking does not always mean a dog is aggressive.
  4. Officer's movements may reduce likelihood of an attack.
  5. Dogs often react when they think their territory or owner are threatened.
- Identify tools and methods of avoiding or warding off a dog attack.
  1. Officers' body position, tone of voice, and other "tricks" can avoid their being perceived as a threat by the dog.
  2. Baton, night stick, ASP, pepper spray - tools readily at hand - can be used to counter a dog attack.

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Animal Control

3. When all other means fail to stop the threat, lethal force is justified.
- Identify breed-specific characteristics of dogs commonly trained to fight and/or guard.
    1. Any dog can bite under certain conditions.
    2. Dogs' behavior depends on how they are trained and socialized.
    3. Despite common thinking, no breed is guaranteed to be a threat.
    4. Pit Bulls are valued as fighters, protectors and family pets.
    5. Rottweilers are known to be antisocial, stubborn and protective.
    6. Dobermans often do not growl or show aggression before attacking.
  - Know resources available for back-up and/or continued training.
    1. Pennsylvania Humane Society
    2. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA or PSPCA)
    3. National Animal Control Association (NACA)
    4. Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)
    5. Officers with special training in animal handling.

## II. DOG ENCOUNTERS

### A. The Approach

The failure to anticipate the presence of a dog in a location is the biggest mistake an Officer can make. 30% of all households in the United States have dogs.

Be alert to signs that dogs are present: Look for food and water bowls, dog toys, a worn path in the grass or a leash or chain attached to a tree or other anchor. If possible, try to know the property and pets in advance. Animal Behavior experts agree that simple do's and don't's can reduce the chances of a confrontation:

- Always assume that there is a least one dog on location and let it know you are there.
- Always insist the owner confine the animal.
- Don't approach a dog that seems afraid – you may unknowingly provoke an attack.
- Don't back a dog into a corner, or make it feel trapped.



- Do not exit your vehicle if there is an unfriendly dog in the area.

A dog's behavior does not always predict a threat. Barking does not always mean a dog is aggressive:

- If the dog is contained, barking tells you that it is protecting it's owner and wants you to know it.
- Most Officers who end up shooting a dog report that the dog was barking or growling, though again they are warning you that you are going to have to take control.
- Barking reflects the dog's territorial and protective instincts.
- Dogs react to movement. Try to keep actions slow and non-threatening.
- Touching the owner, or appearing to do so, can provoke hostility from the dog.

Most Dogs assume postures that may indicate their attitudes:

- BASELINE posture – the dog's head is held high, ears are up but not forward, the tail is down and the mouth is relaxed.
- ALERT posture – the head is held high, ears are forward, tail is out behind him, mouth is closed and is standing straight "on his toes".
- DEFENSIVE THREAT posture – he lowers his body, his hackles are up, the pupils are dilated, ears are back, corners of the mouth are pulled back (may bare teeth), the tail is tucked between legs and the nose is wrinkled.
- OFFENSIVE THREAT posture – hackles are up, ears are forward, corners of the mouth are forward, nose is wrinkled, his tail is up and stiff and he's standing tall on his toes.
- SUBMISSIVE posture – his tail is down, his body lowered, forehead is smooth, he licks at the mouth of the superior dog, he grovels and the corners of his mouth are back.

The hackles up near the tail, ears down, snarling and growling are good predictors of a dog's likely aggression. There are some do's and don'ts of facing a possibly hostile dog:

- Keep movement to a minimum
- Stand sideways – a person is a smaller threat in profile
- Don't extend your hand to a dog unless you have to, then keep your hand in a fist.
- Keep arms, hands near body
- Use a bite stick – it can be put in a dog's mouth to distract

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Discharge of  
Firearms

Directive 10.2  
Directive 10.3  
Use of Force

him.

- Don't stare at dog
- Don't smile or show teeth.
- Back slowly away, eyes toward the dog – don't turn and run
- Don't be afraid to make a tactical retreat or take cover
- Use your baton or asp as a bite stick, or "feed" it some other object.
- Call for backup – know your animal control resources.
- Use pepper spray if needed – it can usually at least slow the dog down.

## B. TOOLS

Having the right tools, or knowing how to use ordinary objects, can prevent an attack:

- Pepper spray
- Noose / snare
- Baton / ASP – bear in mind that the act of snapping open the ASP can startle and distract the dog.
- CO2 fire extinguishers – spray smells and tastes bad, is cold and creates a disorienting cloud around the dog.

The Force Continuum is the same when dealing with animals. Officers begin with the least physically harmful means of control then increase force as warranted:

- Calming behavior – talk quietly and move slowly
- Commands – familiar words firmly delivered may work.
- Isolation – without backing the dog into a corner, wrangle it away from other people.
- Chemical (Pepper spray), Electronic (Taser), Sonic (sudden, loud noise), physical repellants (noose, baton)

When an attack is imminent or in progress, and these means have failed, lethal force is the last but only option.

## C. PIT BULLS AND LARGE DOGS

Every dog has the potential to bite. No breed is guaranteed to be more or less aggressive than other breeds, despite myths to the contrary. For example:

Pit Bulls:

- Are naturally people – friendly
- Will not challenge strangers unless they have not been



properly socialized.

- Are fiercely loyal, tenacious and intelligent.
- ideal characteristics for training to fight or as a guard dog
- are often great family pets
- must be trained to attack – it does not come naturally
- are often trained to protect people or property
- often wag their tails before, just before or after they attack
- certain postures in a pit bull (tail high, short movements) may signal dominance, not friendliness.

Rottweilers:

- are generally not very social
- don't like to take orders from strangers, or sometimes from their owners
- are to be taken seriously when they growl

Dobermans:

- often do not growl or show aggression before attack.

#### D. PROTECTING YOURSELF

Dogs on their best behavior and well-trained are loving, loyal and protective. However, their instincts can not be ignored. **Officer Safety** is always the **FIRST PRIORITY!** Although dogs often attack without warning, as fighting dogs are trained to do, it is essential to recognize animal behaviors and respond appropriately. Just the presence of one or more dogs can intimidate an Officer so much that he or she may overreact. Some simple rules to remember:

- "Be a Tree" - Stand still
- Fight back if necessary
- Retreat if necessary
- Turn to your side, stand in profile
- Protect your face and throat
- Brace yourself against something solid if possible
- You are more vulnerable when on the ground, but protect yourself by curling up in the fetal position.
- Cover your throat and ears with fists.
- Do not expose fingers.

Be prepared:

- Know what you're walking in to and be prepared to respond accordingly.
- Know the history of that address and the animals that live there.

- Use lethal force only as last resort.

### III. REVIEW

- Use Caution
- Learn and read dog's body language
- Avoid eye contact
- Stand still
- Talk to the dog
- Use firm verbal commands
- Allow dog to retreat
- Be prepared
- Use lethal force as a last resort – Remember people treat animals like they are members of their family. How would you feel if someone shot your family member?

### IV. ADDITIONAL INFO

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Kansas City, Mo 64148  
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Email: [naca@interserv.com](mailto:naca@interserv.com)

Pennsylvania SPCA  
350 E. Erie Ave  
Philadelphia PA  
Phone# 215-426-6304  
Email: [Info@pspca.org](mailto:Info@pspca.org)

Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)  
111 W. Hunting Park Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19140  
Phone# 267-385-3800  
[www.acctphillyorg](http://www.acctphillyorg)

# EXHIBIT “X”

Transcript of the Testimony of:  
**Detective Timothy Scally**

**Date:** September 28, 2023

**Case:** Alvarado v. City of Philadelphia, et al

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al : NO. 1633

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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Videotaped Oral Deposition of  
DETECTIVE TIMOTHY SCALLY, taken at Victims'  
Recovery Law Center, The North American Building,  
121 South Broad Street, 18th Floor, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, commencing at 1:00 p.m., before  
Denise Weller, a Professional Shorthand Reporter  
and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania.

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Exhibit Scally-1 was</p> <p>5 premarked for identification.)</p> <p>6 - - -</p> <p>7 (It is hereby stipulated and agreed</p> <p>8 by and between counsel that signing,</p> <p>9 sealing, filing and certification are</p> <p>10 waived; and that all objections, except as</p> <p>11 to the form of the questions, are reserved</p> <p>12 until the time of trial.)</p> <p>13 - - -</p> <p>14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Deposition of</p> <p>15 Police Detective Timothy Scally, badge</p> <p>16 number 791.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This, the</p> <p>19 audio/video deposition for use at trial in</p> <p>20 the matter of Alvarado versus City of</p> <p>21 Philadelphia, et al, Philadelphia Court of</p> <p>22 Common Pleas, docket number 220601633.</p> <p>23 And I'm the video operator. My name</p> <p>24 is Courtney Kitcherman. And I am employed</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 INDEX</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 WITNESS PAGE</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 DETECTIVE TIMOTHY SCALLY</p> <p>6 (By Mr. West) 5, 80</p> <p>7 (By Mr. Zurbriggen) 80</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11 - - -</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 EXHIBITS</p> <p>14 NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 Scally-1 Statement 4</p> <p>17 Scally-2 Google Map 64</p> <p>18 Scally-3 Search Warrant 64</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 by the Victims' Recovery Law Center. My</p> <p>2 address is 121 South Broad Street, 18th</p> <p>3 Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.</p> <p>4 Today's date is September 28th, 2023 at 1:03</p> <p>5 p.m.</p> <p>6 This deposition is being performed</p> <p>7 in person. The caption of this case is</p> <p>8 Alvarado versus City of Philadelphia, et al,</p> <p>9 Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, docket</p> <p>10 number 220601633. The witness being deposed</p> <p>11 today is Detective Timothy Scally, badge</p> <p>12 number 791. This deposition is being taken</p> <p>13 on behalf of Plaintiff Felishatay Alvarado.</p> <p>14 The officer taking this deposition is Denise</p> <p>15 Weller. And she shall swear the witness in</p> <p>16 at this time.</p> <p>17 - - -</p> <p>18 DETECTIVE TIMOTHY SCALLY, after</p> <p>19 having been first duly sworn, was examined</p> <p>20 and testified as follows:</p> <p>21 - - -</p> <p>22 EXAMINATION</p> <p>23 - - -</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>



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1 Q. Good afternoon, Detective Scally.

2 A. Good afternoon.

3 Q. My name is Keith West. I am one of the  
4 attorneys representing plaintiff in this case, Ms.  
5 Alvarado. Have you ever been in a deposition  
6 before?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How many times have you been deposed?

9 A. I would say anywhere between three to  
10 five times or more.

11 Q. Okay. Just really quickly, you're  
12 probably familiar with the procedure. We just  
13 have a few standard instructions and questions we  
14 put on every time.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Don't read anything into them.

17 Are you under the influence of any sort  
18 of illness, medication, substance, anything that  
19 would impair your ability to testify truthfully  
20 today?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. And you have had a chance to  
23 confer with your attorney and you're ready to  
24 proceed, correct?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you review any documents, videos,  
3 photography, anything in anticipation of today's  
4 testimony?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did you review?

7 A. I reviewed my statement to internal  
8 affairs.

9 Q. Is that it?

10 A. I believe I also read Detective Graf's  
11 interview with internal affairs.

12 Q. Detective Grace?

13 A. Graf.

14 Q. Graf, G-R-A-F, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is that it?

17 A. That's it.

18 Q. Okay. I have premarked as Scally-1 as an  
19 exhibit something that we have, an internal  
20 affairs statement. Is this what you reviewed?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All right. When you reviewed it, was  
23 there anything that you felt was inaccurate? Did  
24 you look at this and say that's not what I said or

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1 that's not what happened, anything like that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. So besides Scally-1 and then  
4 Detective Graf's statement, was there anything  
5 else you reviewed?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Is there any video -- so strike the  
8 question.

9 I can represent to you this lawsuit  
10 arises from a warrant enforcement action that  
11 occurred at 4664 Torresdale Avenue in early June  
12 2021.

13 A. Yes, I recall.

14 Q. Is there any video of any part of that  
15 operation?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
17 Detective, to the extent you know.

18 THE WITNESS: That we -- no. No.  
19 Are you referring to the homicide  
20 investigation or when we hit the house with  
21 the --

22 BY MR. WEST:

23 Q. The warrant enforcement.

24 A. I'm sorry. You said warrant enforcement.

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1 No. No video.

2 Q. Did any video capture any part of that  
3 like when the door got opened or anything like  
4 that?

5 A. I wasn't anywhere near there.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. No. I have no idea.

8 Q. Is there any video that captures that?

9 A. Not that I know of.

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. All right. Were you at the  
13 staging area prior to the executing of the search  
14 warrant?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And what time do you think you  
17 arrived that day?

18 A. I don't know exactly. But normally we  
19 meet at 5:30 a.m. And we meet at like you said,  
20 at a staging area.

21 Q. Uh-huh.

22 A. And then go as one to where we are going  
23 to execute the search warrant.

24 Q. Okay. And somehow I got -- I jumped

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1 into -- just a few -- you're fine. Just a few  
2 other things I should tell you.

3 So we don't intend for this to be an  
4 unnecessarily uncomfortable -- this isn't like at  
5 least the police interrogations that you see in  
6 the movies. So if you want to take a break at any  
7 time, you want a cup of coffee, anything, just let  
8 us know, okay?

9 A. Okay. And I didn't take any offense to  
10 those questions in the beginning, because I ask  
11 the same ones.

12 Q. Exactly. Likewise, you know, if you get  
13 asked any questions that you're having trouble  
14 understanding, just don't answer them. We will be  
15 glad at any time to try to speak louder, slower,  
16 rephrase questions if possible, anything like  
17 that.

18 So if you have any trouble with a  
19 question, just ask it to be repeated. Otherwise,  
20 if you do answer it, we assume that you understand  
21 it, okay?

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. When did you join the Philadelphia Police  
24 Department?

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1 A. June 26th, 1995.

2 Q. Okay. And you're a homicide detective,  
3 correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. How long have you been a homicide  
6 detective?

7 A. 18 years.

8 Q. And that is not just a detective in  
9 general, that is actually with the homicide unit?

10 A. Yes. So I did seven years in the 23rd  
11 District as a patrol officer. Three years at  
12 Central Detectives as a detective assigned there.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. And then the rest of my career has been  
15 in the homicide unit going on 19 years.

16 Q. Right. So even as of June 2021, you had  
17 a lot of experience with preparing arrest and  
18 search warrants, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. All right. Is it your -- is it your  
21 belief that you're familiar with any policies or  
22 procedures that exist at the Philadelphia Police  
23 Department with regards to the preparation of  
24 search and arrest warrants?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
2 But Detective, you can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. Okay. Are you the most senior homicide  
6 detective at this time?

7 A. You would think I was, but I am not.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There's a few -- I am getting there,  
10 though. Yes. There's three or four guys that  
11 have been there a little bit longer than me.

12 Q. All right. So what did you guys discuss  
13 at the staging area?

14 A. I wasn't there. Detective Graf talked to  
15 the SWAT supervisor. And then I was -- I believe  
16 I was staying by the car. And then when he was  
17 done talking to the supervisor, we got in, you  
18 know, the cars and then we left.

19 Q. Okay. At some point the property was  
20 breached, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Did you personally witness that?

23 A. Yes. In a sense I did, yes. Can I  
24 explain?

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1 Q. Yes, please.

2 A. We were -- we don't go with SWAT. We  
3 stayed behind a little bit, like a safe area so we  
4 don't mess up with what they are doing and you  
5 know, put ourselves in any type of danger. So we  
6 were literally -- forgive me, but I don't know the  
7 street that cuts across. But we were on the  
8 corner. So I did -- SWAT was already going into  
9 the house when I walked up to the corner to where  
10 we are going to stay in a safe place away.

11 I did see SWAT pull up on Torresdale  
12 Avenue and then enter the house.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Like we were kind of off a little bit. I  
15 remember hearing them do their normal, you know,  
16 search warrant, search warrant and then hear the  
17 door get kicked in, I guess. But --

18 Q. Okay. Did anybody knock on the door  
19 prior to the door being breached?

20 A. You do hear a bang, bang, bang a few  
21 times and then you hear search warrant.

22 Q. Specifically on June 4th, 2021 did you  
23 hear -- sorry. Strike the question.

24 Specifically on June 4th, 2021 did you

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 see anyone knock on the door at the 4664</p> <p>2 Torresdale Avenue property before the door was</p> <p>3 breached?</p> <p>4 A. I did not see them knock.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 A. I heard them.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. So you specifically did hear</p> <p>8 someone knock?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. And you heard the door when it got</p> <p>11 rammed open, correct?</p> <p>12 A. Correct.</p> <p>13 Q. How much time passed between the door</p> <p>14 getting knocked on and the door getting breached?</p> <p>15 A. I would have to say because they are</p> <p>16 pretty meticulous about it, they really hit the</p> <p>17 door hard. I would say from where we walked up,</p> <p>18 they were already hitting it and announcing. So I</p> <p>19 would say anywhere from 15 to 30 seconds.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. Is it possible it was less than</p> <p>21 that?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.</p> <p>23 Detective, to the extent you know.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I don't think so, no.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. Under the training that you have</p> <p>2 received from the Philadelphia Police Department,</p> <p>3 do you have any understanding whether or not the</p> <p>4 knock an announce rule is a constitutional</p> <p>5 requirement?</p> <p>6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.</p> <p>7 But Detective, again, if you know.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I don't believe it is.</p> <p>9 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>10 Q. So your understanding is that there's no</p> <p>11 constitutional requirement to knock and announce</p> <p>12 before entering a property?</p> <p>13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>14 But Detective, to the extent that you know.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it is</p> <p>16 or not.</p> <p>17 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Did you ever receive any training</p> <p>19 from the Philadelphia Police Department with</p> <p>20 regards to what the purpose of the knock and</p> <p>21 announce rule is?</p> <p>22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>23 But Detective, you can answer.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I don't believe I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of anything</p> <p>3 called the knock and announce rule?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. What is it?</p> <p>6 A. That is what I basically described, a</p> <p>7 knock and announce what they are here for.</p> <p>8 Usually it's a search warrant or arrest warrant.</p> <p>9 And then they wait a certain amount of minutes or</p> <p>10 not minutes, but time. And then they breach the</p> <p>11 door.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And how long are people supposed</p> <p>13 to wait pursuant to the knock and announce rule?</p> <p>14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.</p> <p>15 But Detective, if you know.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I don't believe there</p> <p>17 is -- I don't actually do that. But I don't</p> <p>18 believe there's a set amount of seconds you</p> <p>19 have to count off. I think it is also</p> <p>20 safety reasons as well. But it's an amount</p> <p>21 of time that maybe somebody can get up and</p> <p>22 open up the door before they put the door</p> <p>23 in.</p> <p>24 BY MR. WEST:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 received any specific training of why</p> <p>2 there's a knock and announce rule.</p> <p>3 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>4 Q. Did you ever receive any specific</p> <p>5 training from the Philadelphia Police Department</p> <p>6 with regards to the knock an announce rule in</p> <p>7 general?</p> <p>8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.</p> <p>9 But Detective, you can answer.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: I may have, but I</p> <p>11 don't recall when.</p> <p>12 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. So as far as you're aware, is</p> <p>14 there any -- is the knock and announce rule just</p> <p>15 something that normally happens or is it a</p> <p>16 requirement?</p> <p>17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object as asked and</p> <p>18 answered. But Detective, you can answer.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I believe the</p> <p>20 Philadelphia Police Department requires</p> <p>21 that.</p> <p>22 BY MR. WEST:</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. What -- why didn't you meet with</p> <p>24 the SWAT Unit?</p>

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1 A. For any -- Detective Graf's  
2 investigation. I am his partner. And he had the  
3 package to delivered to the SWAT supervisor. Like  
4 copies -- if they wanted any copies of the search  
5 warrant or arrest warrant or pictures of who we  
6 are looking for.

7 Q. You said -- I'm sorry. I am little  
8 tired. Did you say package?

9 A. We always bring an envelope with us, just  
10 in case. How it works is we will fax over all --  
11 like our search warrants and/or our arrest  
12 warrants with the affidavit and everything. And  
13 sometimes they bring it with them, sometimes they  
14 don't. So we like to have a copy if they want it.

15 Q. Yeah. I want to make sure I'm using the  
16 right word. You said package, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. So when you referred to the  
19 package, what all did that contain?

20 A. It's a brown envelope filled with copies  
21 of the search warrant and the -- if there's an  
22 arrest warrant as well. And what I like to bring  
23 with me is a photo of the individual I have the  
24 arrest warrant for.

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1 Q. Okay. Would there have been any sort of  
2 like maps in that package?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Any sort of instructions as far as how  
5 specifically to enter the 4664 Torresdale Avenue  
6 property?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. Anything else in the brown  
9 envelope besides what we covered?

10 A. That's it.

11 Q. Did you -- did you do any sort of  
12 investigation to figure out -- strike the  
13 question. Let me lay a foundation.

14 My understanding is that the suspect was  
15 named [REDACTED]. Is that your understanding?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you personally do any sort of  
18 investigation to learn where [REDACTED] might be  
19 residing at that time?

20 A. We would have done any type of BMV  
21 checks, which is Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for  
22 driver's license. See if that driver's license  
23 came back if he has been arrested in the past. We  
24 do a prison release to see where he was released

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1 to. Detective Graf has an opportunity, I believe  
2 he has a program he has access to called Clear.  
3 And you put the name in there and see if it comes  
4 back with any type of addresses, prior arrests,  
5 any address.

6 Q. Did you personally do any such search?

7 A. I believe I did the BMV check. That is  
8 probably in here. The license check, gun permit  
9 checks, probationary, real estate. Like I said,  
10 any type of computer check that would give us  
11 information where he was living.

12 Q. Okay. So you personally did the  
13 probation check?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And you knew that Mr. [REDACTED] had been  
16 a house arrest, correct?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form, but  
18 Detective, if you know.

19 THE WITNESS: I didn't -- I don't  
20 recall if I knew he was on house arrest or  
21 not. But I believe that the address came  
22 back to that, the address that we eventually  
23 got the search warrant for.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. All right. If a suspect had been at any  
2 point in the past on house arrest, that is  
3 something that you would have been able to find in  
4 your records, right?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
6 But Detective, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes. We would look to  
8 see if they were on any type of probation.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. And you're aware that in the City of  
11 Philadelphia, if someone is on house arrest that  
12 means that somebody from the Probation and Parole  
13 Office would have had to have done a physical  
14 inspection of the house, correct?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
16 Detective, if you know.

17 THE WITNESS: I am not -- I don't  
18 understand the policies of the probation  
19 officers. But in the past I've known  
20 that -- even during because of COVID as  
21 well, that they were not going out to  
22 people's houses. Everything was done via  
23 cell phone. Or they would do Zoom is what I  
24 believe.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But prior to COVID.

3 A. Yes. Prior to COVID, my belief -- my  
4 understanding is that they were supposed to have a  
5 land line that they would have to be able to be  
6 contacted with probation. Other than that, I  
7 don't believe since then they have been doing  
8 that.

9 Q. Right.

10 A. They could have gone back to it now. I  
11 don't know.

12 Q. But prior to COVID -- strike the  
13 question.

14 You were aware of the fact that prior to  
15 COVID if someone was placed on house arrest, that  
16 would mean that somebody from the Probation and  
17 Parole Department would have to -- would go out  
18 and physically inspect the house, correct, where  
19 the person was going to be living?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: The only thing I know  
22 about that is they had to have a land line  
23 that probation can contact. I don't know if  
24 they actually do a physical check. But I do

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1 know they had to produce a land line.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. If you were looking for a suspect who was  
4 on probation, wouldn't contacting the Probation  
5 and Parole Office be a good source of information  
6 about how to find that suspect?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
8 Detective, you can answer.

9 THE WITNESS: Unfortunately, I have  
10 done this personally with my investigations.  
11 And the Philadelphia Probation Department in  
12 the past -- like I said, I have been there  
13 18 years. In the beginning they would work  
14 with us. In the past probably 10 years or  
15 seven years they have been restricted on how  
16 much they can help us.

17 They don't want us coming over to  
18 their offices to wait for people to bring  
19 them in to be interviewed or being arrested.  
20 They requested if we do anything like that  
21 we do it outside. Some will and some won't.  
22 They won't call them in for us. So it's  
23 kind of an interesting -- like I think they  
24 have their own policies with dealing with

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1 us.

2 But the -- I have gone through the  
3 state and they have helped us as well. But  
4 it all depends on what their policies are  
5 with us. If I am looking for somebody, I  
6 would -- if they are on probation, I would  
7 find out how long their probation is, if  
8 they have an anklet, that kind of stuff.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Have you ever contacted a homicide  
11 suspect's probation officer and asked for  
12 information about the physical layout of the house  
13 where the suspect had been residing?

14 A. No.

15 Q. No?

16 A. No. I have asked where they live, what  
17 their address is.

18 Q. Okay. You have never asked how to  
19 physically enter the property?

20 A. No.

21 Q. When you obtain a search warrant for a  
22 property, you understand that that means that at  
23 some point some police officer or member of the  
24 SWAT Unit is going to have to enter that property,

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1 correct?

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
3 Detective, you can answer.

4 THE WITNESS: Including myself, yes.

5 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

6 Q. Okay. So as part of obtaining a search  
7 warrant, wouldn't you want to get all of the  
8 information available to you as far as how to  
9 physically access the property?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.

11 But Detective, you can answer.

12 THE WITNESS: When we fill out the  
13 search warrant itself prior to that we do  
14 what -- what the outside of the house, I  
15 guess, would look like. We look -- we do  
16 computer checks on like Google Maps or do  
17 physical drive by, to that sense.

18 But we never really go in any  
19 like -- I never got any type of diagrams  
20 about inside or asked or tried to, you know,  
21 if there was something interesting or  
22 something that was stand out on the facade  
23 of the house or you know, we would then make  
24 note of that.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. But if you had access to some  
3 person who could tell you how to physically enter  
4 the property, wouldn't you like to ask that  
5 person?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
7 But Detective, you can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: We would -- I don't  
9 know if -- I don't understand the -- I  
10 wouldn't ask a person how to get into a  
11 place, because we are going to get into the  
12 place. Like we are going to use SWAT and we  
13 are going to knock on the door via the  
14 search warrant.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Okay. What about in buildings where  
17 there are multiple residences in the same  
18 building, don't you have to use any caution to  
19 avoid entering the residence of a person who is  
20 not subject to the warrant?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
22 Detective, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: You want to use as  
24 much caution as you can to limit everyone

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1 else -- to protect everyone as well. But we  
2 have had -- we have done -- I have done  
3 search warrants in, you know, high rise  
4 apartment buildings. And we would contact  
5 the security or we would try to gain entry  
6 through the lobby and go up the elevator or  
7 stairs so we would know exactly what  
8 apartment we are going to.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. So as you're trying to use caution  
11 in this kind of situation, if the suspect is on  
12 probation, isn't it just obvious that you should  
13 ask the probation officer how to enter the  
14 property?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
16 But Detective, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Not that specific  
18 question.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. Did you use Google Maps?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. Did you -- did you know whether or not  
23 this property had a rear door prior to the breach?

24 A. I did not.

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1 Q. When you used Google Maps, what view did  
2 you look at?

3 A. The view from Torresdale Avenue.

4 Q. The street view?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you look at an overview?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. This is a picture we previously  
9 marked as Exhibit Graf-4. Let the record reflect  
10 you're looking at Graf-4.

11 A. That's fine.

12 Q. You have never seen this before, right?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Is there any reason why you didn't look  
15 at an overview Google Map of the property?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
17 Detective, you can answer.

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. It was available to you and you could  
21 have got it, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. And if you had looked from this Google  
2 Map view you would have seen that the 4664  
3 Torresdale Avenue property had entrances both on  
4 Torresdale Avenue itself and then in the alleyway  
5 off Margaret Street, correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
7 But Detective, to the extent you can tell.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Actually, I think I am going to ask you  
11 to mark this because previous -- previously I  
12 think you testified that you were standing a safe  
13 distance at the time of the breach, right?

14 A. Correct. I can show you exactly where I  
15 was.

16 Q. Yeah. Can you mark with this blue pen  
17 where you were physically located at the time the  
18 door was breached?

19 A. I just put an x right there.

20 Q. Yes. Let me see. Check to see if this  
21 is going to be big enough.

22 A. I can make it bigger.

23 Q. Yeah. It's a little hard to see. If you  
24 can make it bigger.



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1 A. Okay.

2 Q. And then in between you and the 4664  
3 Torresdale property, there was located the deli,  
4 right?

5 A. I wouldn't -- the mini deli -- the mini  
6 mart is on the corner here.

7 Q. Right. That's the corner in between you  
8 and 4664 Torresdale Avenue, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Sir, I can represent to you that we have  
11 deposed the probation officer Shannon -- Mrs.  
12 Shannon. Strike the question. Strike that. I  
13 think -- I am not sure if she is married.

14 I can represent to you that we have  
15 deposed the probation officer Ms. Shannon. And  
16 she provided us with records showing that the  
17 probation officer was aware that the entrance to  
18 Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was through the alleyway off  
19 Margaret Street. Did you know that?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
21 characterization. And object to the form.  
22 Detective, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I did not know that.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property off Margaret  
2 Street?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
4 objections. And object as asked and  
5 answered. Detective you can answer again.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Okay. And I will show you, this has been  
9 marked as Graf-6. It's been marked as Shannon-1.  
10 There's other exhibits to be marked as well.

11 I am pointing you to page 21. It's a  
12 highlighted portion. It's highlighted at previous  
13 depositions.

14 Sir, doesn't this indicate that in April  
15 2019 when the Probation and Parole Office went out  
16 and inspected the property, they learned that the  
17 second floor apartment was accessible only from  
18 the rear entrance off Margaret Street?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
20 form. Detective, if you know.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. If you can look at that.

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And take all of the  
24 time you need.

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1 Q. Okay. If you had known that, would you  
2 believe it would have been more proper to breach  
3 the rear door or the Torresdale Avenue door of  
4 4664 in carrying out the warrants at issue in this  
5 case?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
7 objections, but Detective, you can answer,  
8 if you can.

9 THE WITNESS: If I know -- if I knew  
10 what I know now, that the only entrance to  
11 the second floor apartment is in through the  
12 rear, then that is where we would have made  
13 our entry.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. All right. Detective Scally, if you can  
16 just answer the question I am asking you.

17 A. Oh, I'm sorry.

18 Q. If you had obtained from the probation  
19 officer the information known to the Probation and  
20 Parole Office that the entrance to Mr. [REDACTED]  
21 apartment was through the rear entrance off  
22 Margaret Street, would that have informed you to  
23 know that the warrants at issue should have been  
24 enforced only by entering through the rear door of

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. So Detective Scally, if you had obtained  
3 that information --

4 A. I'm not ready yet.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I am not familiar with this form or this  
7 piece of paper. So I am reading the whole thing.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Sir, I think you said you're not familiar  
11 with that form. Have you ever looked at probation  
12 records before?

13 A. I have not seen probation records. I  
14 have seen juvenile probation records where the  
15 probation officer has his or her notes. But I  
16 don't believe I ever got an extensive background  
17 from a probation officer.

18 Q. Okay. And [REDACTED] is not the only  
19 suspect that you have obtained a warrant for where  
20 you got the address from a probation officer,  
21 right?

22 A. We didn't get -- we didn't get the  
23 specific address from -- I mean, from the  
24 probation officer himself. We got it from

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1 probation when we looked up on the computer check.

2 Q. Sure. Let me rephrase the question. The  
3 case of [REDACTED] is not the first time that you  
4 have obtained an address for a suspect from the  
5 Probation and Parole Office, correct?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
7 of the question.

8 THE WITNESS: That is correct, no.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Okay. So that is something that happens  
11 fairly frequently, correct?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
13 Detective, you can answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah, if you're on  
15 probation -- you would do a computer check  
16 on every person that you're going to be  
17 involved in. So you want to do a background  
18 check. That is part of it. You  
19 literally -- you contact the probation  
20 officer themselves. Not necessarily, all  
21 depending on what the investigation is  
22 bringing how quick it's moving.

23 But if we are out there trying to  
24 find somebody, even a witness or anybody

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1 as you can include trying to get all of the  
2 information available to the Probation and Parole  
3 Office?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 Detective, you can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: What we needed from  
7 the probation officer is the address of  
8 the -- you want the address to match all of  
9 the other addresses.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Right. But the Probation and Parole  
12 Office also knew how to get into the apartment,  
13 correct?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the  
15 characterization. Detective, if you know.

16 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't know what  
17 they know.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Isn't that at least a question you should  
20 ask them?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
22 Detective, you can answer.

23 THE WITNESS: I think in this  
24 specific instance, no. I wouldn't have

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1 like that, then yeah, we would call the  
2 probation officer and say does this person  
3 come in or is there any problems, is there a  
4 warrant for them from you guys or some way  
5 to try to get that person to come in and  
6 turn themselves in.

7 Because yes, so that is -- I think  
8 it's a case by case basis. But it is part  
9 of trying to locate somebody's information.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. Now, when you're preparing a warrant, are  
12 you supposed to obtain all information available  
13 to you that would describe the physical location  
14 of where the person subject to the warrant is  
15 located and how to access that location?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
17 of the question.

18 THE WITNESS: There's no specific  
19 policy. But you want to be as thorough as  
20 you can.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. As thorough as you can?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. So wouldn't being as thorough

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1 asked them because we had an address and  
2 there was nothing that would suggest any  
3 other way from looking at the Google Maps or  
4 anything else that there would be -- the  
5 only access would be from the rear.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. So you knew that it was the rear  
8 apartment? That is actually on the warrant,  
9 correct?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
11 Detective?

12 THE WITNESS: Second floor. Second  
13 floor rear I believe that is what it said.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Now, I know you have testified earlier  
16 today that you personally were unaware that there  
17 even was a rear door.

18 But if you had known that there was a  
19 rear door, would that have made you at least  
20 consider the possibility that the proper entrance  
21 to the second floor rear apartment was through the  
22 rear door?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
24 Detective, you can answer.

1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 BY MR. WEST:

3 Q. Okay. Another document, this has been  
4 marked as Graf-5. This is additional records  
5 provided to us by the Probation and Parole Office.  
6 This also memorializes that the Probation and  
7 Parole Office knew from experience that the  
8 entrance to Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was through that  
9 alleyway. Do you see that there?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
11 characterization of the record. But  
12 Detective, you can --

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. So if you had obtained from the Probation  
16 and Parole Office that the entrance to Mr. [REDACTED]  
17 apartment was through the alleyway, and if you had  
18 looked at a Google Maps overview like in Graf-4,  
19 would you have concluded that the proper way to  
20 get into Mr. [REDACTED] apartment was through the  
21 alleyway off Margaret Street?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
23 form. Detective, you can answer if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't agree with the

1 answer.

2 THE WITNESS: I believe -- well,  
3 Detective Graf drove by that apartment  
4 himself. And the mailboxes were still  
5 there. It was two mailboxes, one and two.  
6 And that is the information that we used.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. So the only thing that you did to try to  
9 determine where the other apartment was located is  
10 drive by on Torresdale Avenue?

11 A. Correct.

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MR. WEST:

15 Q. Why didn't you contact the property  
16 manager?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
18 But Detective, you can answer.

19 THE WITNESS: I didn't know who the  
20 property manager was.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Do you know -- does the City of  
23 Philadelphia have property records available  
24 online?

1 basis of the photo. But with this  
2 information, this would have been the proper  
3 way to execute that warrant.

4 BY MR. WEST:

5 Q. The proper way to execute the warrant  
6 would have been through the rear door, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. You knew that there were other apartments  
12 in the 4664 Torresdale Avenue building, correct?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
14 Detective, if you know.

15 THE WITNESS: What I knew was from  
16 the front of the building there was two  
17 mailboxes. So I assume there were at least  
18 two apartments.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. So what, if anything, did you do  
21 to minimize the possibility that the SWAT Unit  
22 would go into the wrong apartment?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
24 of the question. But Detective, you can

1 A. We -- not that we would have -- I think  
2 we have access to real estate files. And it would  
3 have the owner of the property on the real estate  
4 file.

5 Q. Okay. This is a document that has been  
6 marked at a lot of depositions. The sticker here  
7 is Exhibit Graf 2, Exhibit Graf -- Scott-4. If  
8 you can look at that. Let me know, do you  
9 recognize -- strike the question.

10 If you could look at this document which  
11 has been marked as Graf-2, Exhibit Scott-4, and  
12 let me know if you know what this is.

13 A. I don't know. I mean, it's obvious it's  
14 from the City of Philadelphia, but I don't know  
15 what program this is.

16 Q. If this is a website, it's a website you  
17 have never seen before, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. All right. And you're not aware of any  
20 other information that would have been available  
21 to you to let you know who the owner of this  
22 property was?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
24 of the question. But Detective, again, if

1 you know.  
 2 THE WITNESS: Not what I just  
 3 previously said, no.  
 4 BY MR. WEST:  
 5 Q. If you had known who the property manager  
 6 was, would you have contacted that person?  
 7 A. I probably would have not.  
 8 Q. Why not?  
 9 A. Because I didn't want to, for safety  
 10 reasons, I wouldn't have called ahead to say we  
 11 are going to be coming and hit one of your  
 12 apartments.  
 13 Q. So it doesn't matter if the property  
 14 manager's identity was available to you, you  
 15 weren't going to call the property manager anyway,  
 16 correct?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
 18 Detective, you can answer.  
 19 THE WITNESS: I would have not.  
 20 BY MR. WEST:  
 21 Q. Was it -- strike the question.  
 22 When you saw the entrance located on the  
 23 Torresdale Avenue side of the building, could you  
 24 tell whether or not that door led to a portion of

1 the building located on the first floor?  
 2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.  
 3 Detective, if you understand you can answer.  
 4 THE WITNESS: I believe there's only  
 5 one door to that residence. And that was  
 6 the front door that was on Torresdale  
 7 Avenue.  
 8 BY MR. WEST:  
 9 Q. Okay. You're now aware of the fact that  
 10 there's a door in the rear of the building as  
 11 well, correct?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. Okay. My question is, could you tell  
 14 just visually looking at it, whether the door on  
 15 the Torresdale Avenue side of the building led to  
 16 the first floor?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 18 form of the question. Again, Detective, if  
 19 you understand.  
 20 THE WITNESS: I don't -- it led to  
 21 the inside of the building. So I don't know  
 22 exactly what would be the first floor. It's  
 23 on street level. So I would say it would  
 24 lead you to the first floor, first level.

1 BY MR. WEST:  
 2 Q. All right. Sir, I will show you a  
 3 document. It's been previously marked as Exhibit  
 4 Scott-1 and Exhibit Hamoy-2.  
 5 Do you recognize what this is a picture  
 6 of?  
 7 A. That is Torresdale Avenue. And this is  
 8 the address, 4664 Torresdale.  
 9 Q. Okay. And is the door in the yellow  
 10 circle the Torresdale Avenue entrance to the 4664  
 11 Torresdale property?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 14 form. Just for the record.  
 15 MR. WEST: Can I ask why you  
 16 objected to that?  
 17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Yeah. Just to the  
 18 extent that that is clear on the exhibit.  
 19 THE WITNESS: I mean, I see the  
 20 mailboxes. And I know to the right of the  
 21 mailbox, that is where the door is.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. You recognize it, right?  
 24 A. Yes.

1 Q. The area that has been marked green, is  
 2 that area one story tall or two stories tall?  
 3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
 4 the record.  
 5 THE WITNESS: I would say one story  
 6 tall.  
 7 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:  
 8 Q. Okay. Did it ever occur to you that the  
 9 area marked in green might have been the first  
 10 floor apartment to this building?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the form.  
 12 Detective, you can answer.  
 13 THE WITNESS: No.  
 14 BY MR. WEST:  
 15 Q. Have you ever received any training from  
 16 the Philadelphia Police Department with regards to  
 17 how to make preparations to execute warrants at  
 18 multi-residence properties?  
 19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 20 form. Detective, you can answer.  
 21 THE WITNESS: No.  
 22 BY MR. WEST:  
 23 Q. Was any surveillance done of this  
 24 property to determine if the area behind the

1 windows visible in the yellow circle were  
2 occupied?  
3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
4 form of the question. Detective, if you  
5 know.  
6 THE WITNESS: I don't know.  
7 BY MR. WEST:  
8 Q. Not to your knowledge, correct?  
9 A. Not to my knowledge.  
10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
11 BY MR. WEST:  
12 Q. Okay. Looking at this picture marked  
13 Hamoy-2 and Scott-1, do you think it's reasonable  
14 to believe that that door led to the second floor  
15 of this building?  
16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
17 form of the question. Detective, if you  
18 understand you can answer.  
19 THE WITNESS: It's been my  
20 experience that it would, yes.  
21 BY MR. WEST:  
22 Q. You don't believe that it led to this  
23 area marked as green, which is one floor tall?  
24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

1 Detective, you can answer.  
2 THE WITNESS: I believe that -- my  
3 belief was that door led to the building  
4 itself. And most likely the first floor  
5 apartment was to the left. And there were  
6 stairs going straight up and the second  
7 floor apartment would be up the stairs.  
8 BY MR. WEST:  
9 Q. But you considered at least the  
10 possibility that the door would lead into the  
11 first floor apartment, didn't you?  
12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection as to  
13 form and asked and answered. Detective, you  
14 can answer again.  
15 THE WITNESS: No.  
16 BY MR. WEST:  
17 Q. If you had heard a dog on the other side  
18 of that door, would that have made you consider  
19 the possibility that the door led into an occupied  
20 area?  
21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
22 form. Detective, you can answer.  
23 THE WITNESS: No.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

1 Q. Is there anything in this world that  
2 would have made you consider the possibility that  
3 this door led into an occupied area?  
4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
5 Detective, you can answer.  
6 THE WITNESS: During this  
7 investigation I was surprised that the only  
8 way to enter that second floor was through  
9 the rear -- through the rear.  
10 Through my experience, I truly  
11 believed that that door would have led into  
12 a vestibule area that led into the other  
13 apartments.  
14 BY MR. WEST:  
15 Q. Based on your understanding of the  
16 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
17 Department if the officers at any point had  
18 learned that the area behind the door on the  
19 Torresdale Avenue entrance was occupied pursuant  
20 to the warrants that were obtained for the second  
21 floor rear apartment, could they legally proceed  
22 and enter the apartment?  
23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
24 form.

1 THE WITNESS: I don't understand  
2 what -- I don't understand the question.  
3 MR. WEST: That's fine.  
4 BY MR. WEST:  
5 Q. Based on your understanding of the  
6 policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Police  
7 Department, if you or any other member of the  
8 Philadelphia Police Department in any way gained  
9 knowledge that the door on the Torresdale Avenue  
10 entrance did lead directly into an occupied area,  
11 pursuit to the warrants that had been obtained for  
12 [REDACTED], could you legally enter that occupied  
13 first floor area?  
14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
15 objections. Detective, to the extent that  
16 you know, you can answer.  
17 THE WITNESS: If we had information  
18 that there was access to the second floor  
19 apartment, we would have to specifically say  
20 that in our search warrant. But if that is  
21 an occupied -- if that is a different  
22 dwelling, we would have to have a specific  
23 search warrant for that dwelling.  
24 BY MR. WEST:

1 Q. Right. If you knew that the Torresdale  
2 Avenue door led directly into an apartment on the  
3 first floor, you would know that you cannot walk  
4 through that door, correct?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
6 objections. Detective, you can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. All right. Do you have any idea why the  
10 officers proceeded to enter this apartment even  
11 after they had rammed the door open and could see  
12 that there was a naked woman inside?

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
14 form and the characterization. Detective,  
15 you can answer if you know.

16 THE WITNESS: I don't know anything  
17 about all of that. But when they enter,  
18 they have their own policies and they have  
19 their own objectives. So if they are going  
20 into that, they are going to clear it. I  
21 can only assume that they were looking for  
22 the second floor to go upstairs.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Okay. But under the policies and

1 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
2 could they continue to enter the property if they  
3 knew that the first floor was occupied?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of --  
5 BY MR. WEST:

6 Q. -- under the warrants that you obtained?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same set of  
8 objections. Detective, you can answer if  
9 you can.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Okay. And what is your basis of that  
13 opinion? Where did you learn that or where did  
14 you gain that understanding?

15 A. I'm gaining on officers safety -- not  
16 just officer safety. I can't put myself in the  
17 mind of those SWAT officers. But they are  
18 following the first person who is in there. And  
19 as they are entering the property, it's their duty  
20 to clear that property even before they leave it.  
21 Just for the safety of others.

22 And I do believe that once they realized  
23 that there was no second floor access -- and I can  
24 only base this on what I saw. I saw after they

1 went into the building, at my vantage point they  
2 did come around the corner and then go up through  
3 the alley or the breezeway and entered the  
4 apartment on the second floor.

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection to  
6 the last question.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. Now, Officer Scally, when you saw with  
9 your own eyes the SWAT Unit members enter Ms.  
10 Alvarado's apartment and you saw the knock and  
11 announce that they did, was that consistent in  
12 your experience with what normally would be done  
13 by the SWAT Unit?

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
15 form of the question. Detective, if you  
16 understand, you can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was  
18 consistent.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. What you saw with regard to knock and  
21 announce was consistent with your understanding of  
22 the policies and procedures of the Philadelphia  
23 Police Department, correct?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

1 Detective, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Has [REDACTED] been captured yet?

5 A. I believe he has.

6 Q. When was he captured?

7 A. I don't recall.

8 Q. Can you give an estimate or  
9 approximation?

10 A. I cannot.

11 Q. Was it within the last two months?

12 A. I don't recall.

13 Q. Where is he currently?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. What is your basis for stating that you  
16 believe he has been captured?

17 A. I believe that -- I believe Detective  
18 Graf was notified that he was arrested. I wasn't  
19 there for that. But I believe I thought that  
20 [REDACTED] has been arrested.

21 Q. Do you have any other basis for that --

22 A. No.

23 Q. -- understanding?

24 A. No.



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1 Q. Besides looking at a Google Maps street  
2 view of the property from the Torresdale Avenue  
3 entrance and driving by the property from  
4 Torresdale Avenue, did you personally do any sort  
5 of investigation to ascertain how the building  
6 should be entered in order to gain access to the  
7 second floor rear apartment?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
9 form of the question. Detective, if you  
10 understand, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: I do understand. Yes.  
12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. You did do anything additional --

14 A. No. No. No. Nothing additional from  
15 what you stated.

16 Q. Those two things are the only things you  
17 did? You looked at the street view Google Map  
18 from Torresdale Avenue and you drove by on  
19 Torresdale Avenue, correct?

20 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

21 But Detective, you can answer.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes. Physically, yes.

23 BY MR. WEST:

24 Q. Is there anything non-physically you did?

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1 information that you looked into with regards to  
2 this investigation.

3 Did any of the investigations, any of the  
4 sources of information that you looked into,  
5 include any person who had ever actually been  
6 inside of the 4664 Torresdale Avenue property?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Did you make any effort to obtain any  
11 information from anyone who had ever actually been  
12 inside of the building?

13 A. No.

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

15 BY MR. WEST:

16 Q. Did you ever obtain a warrant for [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED] cell phone?

18 A. Me personally, no.

19 Q. Do you believe anyone from the  
20 Philadelphia Police Department did that?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. Is that something that normally should be  
23 done?

24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.

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1 A. The computer checks.

2 Q. Okay. Can you tell me everything you did  
3 with regards to computer checks?

4 A. We did, like I said earlier, BMV check  
5 and we would do -- the BMV check, gun permit  
6 checks, probationary checks and our real estate  
7 check. Other computer searches would be through  
8 Clear and any type of prison release.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And any other type of arrest for the  
11 address he gave.

12 Q. In any of these investigations that you  
13 made, did any of this -- any source of information  
14 looked at, did any of them involve anybody who had  
15 actually entered the building?

16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form.

17 Detective, if you understand, you can  
18 answer.

19 THE WITNESS: I did not enter the  
20 first floor.

21 BY MR. WEST:

22 Q. Okay. Let me rephrase the question. I  
23 think you're misunderstanding what I mean.

24 So you have identified various sources of

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1 Detective, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: If we had the  
3 individual's cell phone number. And we  
4 would have it -- either we gained that  
5 information, we would do a search warrant on  
6 the cell phone or we would make sure that if  
7 he wasn't arrested with the search warrant  
8 or arrest warrant, excuse me, we would pass  
9 that information on to the fugitive squad  
10 unit and then they would most likely do a  
11 search warrant on the cell phone.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Did you ever do any sort of search in  
14 order to ascertain what IP addresses were used?

15 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
16 form. Detective, if you know you can  
17 answer.

18 THE WITNESS: I did not.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Is that something that normally would be  
21 done looking for a homicide suspect?

22 A. If we had his computer, I guess we would  
23 do IP address checks. But not familiar with his  
24 computer.

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1 Q. So, when you're working with the SWAT  
2 Unit, what is the relationship between the  
3 homicide detectives and the SWAT unit with regards  
4 to who is supposed to come up reconnaissance to  
5 figure out how to carry out a warrant?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
7 form. Detective, if you know you can  
8 explain.

9 THE WITNESS: Well, I think the  
10 homicide unit detectives we have our own,  
11 you know, processes of identifying the  
12 address to hit with SWAT. And then we give  
13 that information to SWAT. Like I said  
14 earlier, we give copies of everything. And  
15 then they do their own reconnaissance on how  
16 they are going to operate and serve that  
17 search warrant and arrest warrant.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Would you expect anyone from the SWAT  
20 reconnaissance unit to contact the probation  
21 officer if a suspect was on probation?

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
23 form. Detective, if you know.

24 THE WITNESS: No.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Right. So my question actually might be  
3 a little different than you heard. I want to know  
4 under the policies and procedures of the  
5 Philadelphia Police Department, tell me everything  
6 that you are supposed to do as the assigned  
7 detective to determine the physical location of  
8 [REDACTED] apartment.

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection. Go  
10 ahead.

11 THE WITNESS: So as before like I  
12 said earlier, we go through very -- we go  
13 through BMV checks, any type of license they  
14 had, any of their arrest records with any  
15 address that they have given. We would --  
16 like I said earlier, contact -- come up on  
17 any type of probation, contact -- look on  
18 their computer checks about what location  
19 that they gave to the probation officer.

20 If you have opportunity to have that  
21 other -- Clear computer check, you do that.  
22 So it would be associated computer checks  
23 with that. Like prison release as well to  
24 establish where the residency is.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Why not?

3 A. It was not part of their investigation.

4 Q. All right. So the only people who would  
5 do that would be the detectives, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. All right. So under the policies and  
8 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department,  
9 to your understanding, please tell me everything  
10 that you were supposed to do before Ms. Alvarado's  
11 door was breached in order to determine if you  
12 were at the right place.

13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
14 form of the question. Detective, if you  
15 understand you can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, it goes to -- we  
17 go into the affidavit of probable cause for  
18 the search warrant for that property. So  
19 all of the particulars that go into that  
20 would be part of the process. Then we go  
21 through the District Attorney's Office, then  
22 go through -- the magistrate would sign and  
23 approve. The process -- I'm sorry. What  
24 was the beginning of that question, again?

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Right. Now, what if you're contemplating  
3 a SWAT Unit enforcement action at a  
4 multi-residence property, what, if any, policies  
5 and procedures exist in the Philadelphia Police  
6 Department to try to make sure that you only go  
7 into the right apartment?

8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
9 form of the question. Detective, to the  
10 extent you can answer and know.

11 THE WITNESS: Of course. So multi  
12 dwellings, we would -- that would be on the  
13 search warrant, the exact apartment that  
14 would get us into that multi dwelling  
15 residence. So the same thing, same computer  
16 checks and everything else would lead us to  
17 that.

18 BY MR. WEST:

19 Q. Right.

20 A. That address.

21 Q. More specifically, once you have the  
22 apartment number and you have the address of the  
23 building, what, if any, sort of investigation are  
24 you supposed to do under the policies and

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1 procedures of the Philadelphia Police Department  
2 to make sure that you only enter the right  
3 apartment?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Detective, you can answer, if you know.

6 THE WITNESS: Well, that's your  
7 goal, is to make sure you get into the right  
8 apartment. And you do those checks to make  
9 sure you have the right apartment or the  
10 right dwelling, right residence, to your  
11 best ability.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. And what specific steps are you  
14 supposed to follow under the Philadelphia Police  
15 Department policies and procedures to achieve that  
16 goal?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
18 Detective, again, if you know.

19 THE WITNESS: You do any type of  
20 background checks that individual's prior  
21 and any time that he has given an address,  
22 what address he has used in the past and  
23 what address you have currently for that  
24 person.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Would you do any sort of investigation of  
3 the physical layout of the building itself?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to form.  
5 Detective, to the extent you understand.

6 THE WITNESS: It depends on the  
7 investigation.

8 BY MR. WEST:

9 Q. Why?

10 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.

11 THE WITNESS: If you have an  
12 apartment building that has a hundred  
13 apartments, then you would have to -- I  
14 don't particularly think I would go into  
15 there. But you would try to ascertain what  
16 floor you're going to and then if there is a  
17 lock on the lobby door, then you would  
18 attempt to gain access via that way.

19 BY MR. WEST:

20 Q. Okay. How would you gain that kind of  
21 information?

22 A. You would contact -- in that reference  
23 you would contact the building management. And  
24 you would request access.

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1 Q. Okay. So if you look at the search  
2 warrant -- we will mark this as --

3 MR. WEST: We have a document which  
4 is previously marked as Graf-4, but you drew  
5 on it. So we will mark that as an exhibit.  
6 That will be Scally-2.

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8 (Whereupon, Exhibit Scally-2 was  
9 marked for identification.)

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11 MR. WEST: And now I am going to  
12 mark Scally-3, the search warrant.

13 - - -

14 (Whereupon, Exhibit Scally-3 was  
15 marked for identification.)

16 - - -

17 BY MR. WEST:

18 Q. Sir, you can take a moment to review  
19 that, if you would like. And let me know if you  
20 are able to tell us what that is.

21 A. First sheet is the copy of the search  
22 warrant, number 242513.

23 Q. And you were the affiant for this,  
24 correct?

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. What does it mean to be the affiant for a  
3 search warrant?

4 A. I am requesting either an affidavit to  
5 become a search warrant, to be able to serve a  
6 search warrant on a residence.

7 Q. Okay. And what kind of investigation, if  
8 any, are you supposed to do pursuant to the  
9 policies of the Philadelphia Police Department in  
10 order to submit that sort of affidavit for a  
11 search warrant?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
13 form. Detective, if you understand, you can  
14 answer.

15 THE WITNESS: We would, through the  
16 course of investigation, collect evidence  
17 and interviews to make probable cause for  
18 the affidavit and then submit it for  
19 approval.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. All right. As I am reading this, it has  
22 a specific description of the premises to be  
23 searched. That is a section in here, right? It's  
24 like -- I am looking at the search warrant --

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1 A. Yeah, the front page.  
 2 Q. Front page. It's like the third box  
 3 down, right?  
 4 A. Correct.  
 5 Q. And you put on here second floor rear,  
 6 right?  
 7 A. Correct.  
 8 Q. Prior to putting that on the search  
 9 warrant, did you make any effort to figure out  
 10 what that meant?  
 11 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 12 form. Detective, if you understand, you can  
 13 answer.  
 14 THE WITNESS: I put rear on there, I  
 15 recall, because the other address it just  
 16 said second floor. And from -- I believe  
 17 the probation computer check said second  
 18 floor rear. And so I wanted to be as  
 19 specific as possible, if there was any other  
 20 apartments on that second floor. So second  
 21 floor rear we wanted to go that way  
 22 specifically.  
 23 BY MR. WEST:  
 24 Q. Right. Again, you got the address from

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1 the Probation and Parole Office, right, you just  
 2 said?  
 3 A. Yeah, from the computer check.  
 4 Q. Okay. So why didn't you try to get all  
 5 of the information available to the Probation and  
 6 Parole Office as far as to what that meant, what  
 7 they meant by rear?  
 8 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 9 form. Detective, you can answer.  
 10 THE WITNESS: I felt like I had the  
 11 information that I needed.  
 12 BY MR. WEST:  
 13 Q. I mean, in retrospect, they obviously  
 14 were referring to the fact that the entrance was  
 15 through the rear door, right?  
 16 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Well, objection to  
 17 the characterization. Detective, if you  
 18 know.  
 19 THE WITNESS: I was surprised, but  
 20 yes.  
 21 BY MR. WEST:  
 22 Q. Okay. And had you gotten the information  
 23 available to you through the Probation and Parole  
 24 Office, you would not have been surprised, right?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 2 Detective?  
 3 THE WITNESS: I was -- if we  
 4 received that information originally, then  
 5 we would have put that -- that would have  
 6 been -- the search warrant would have read  
 7 that second -- you know, second floor  
 8 apartment in the rear.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. But is there any other way that you could  
 11 have received the information other than just  
 12 asking for it?  
 13 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 14 form. Detective, if you understand it you  
 15 can answer.  
 16 THE WITNESS: No.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. I mean, there's no way that the probation  
 19 and parole officer could have given you that  
 20 information unless you asked for it, correct?  
 21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 22 form. Detective, again, if you know.  
 23 THE WITNESS: That's correct.  
 24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. And you knew the name of the owner of the  
 2 property, Pajo Mirela, because that's on the  
 3 document, right?  
 4 A. Correct.  
 5 Q. And you didn't make any effort to learn  
 6 from Pajo Mirela what rear meant, did you?  
 7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 8 THE WITNESS: Correct.  
 9 BY MR. WEST:  
 10 Q. Did you make any effort to learn what  
 11 rear meant in relation to this address?  
 12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection; asked  
 13 and answered. Detective, you can answer  
 14 again.  
 15 THE WITNESS: I did not ask anybody  
 16 what rear meant.  
 17 BY MR. WEST:  
 18 Q. And you didn't do a surveillance of the  
 19 property to figure out if it even had a rear door,  
 20 correct?  
 21 A. I did not, no.  
 22 Q. And did you rely on anyone else or ask  
 23 anyone else to do that kind of investigation?  
 24 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the

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1 form. Detective, you can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: No.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. When the SWAT Unit enters someone's  
5 apartment at six in the morning, is that  
6 dangerous?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
8 form. Detective, if you know and  
9 understand, you can answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Why is that dangerous?

13 A. Because you're going -- the officers are  
14 going into the unknown.

15 Q. And from the perspective of the resident  
16 inside of the apartment, they also are dealing  
17 with an unknown situation, aren't they?

18 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection for  
19 the record. Detective, if you know.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't think so as  
21 much. Because the way that our SWAT  
22 officers do their knock and announce, it's  
23 pretty aggressive.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 Q. All right. Could you -- based on your  
2 training, could you simulate for me the whole  
3 process? Like bang, bang, bang, how long you're  
4 supposed to wait, would you do that now?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
6 form. Detective, again, if you know.

7 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to bang  
8 on the --

9 BY MR. WEST:

10 Q. Yes. Yes. Pretend you're doing a --

11 A. So --

12 Q. You can just bang on the door. However  
13 you feel it would be best. Pretend -- here is how  
14 I will ask you to do it. Pretend you're teaching,  
15 based on your training, other members of the  
16 Philadelphia Police Department how to do a knock  
17 and announce. Could you please demonstrate for  
18 us?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection. But --

20 THE WITNESS: That wouldn't be in my  
21 purview.

22 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: If you will indulge  
23 us, Detective.

24 THE WITNESS: That would never be in

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1 Q. Okay. Tell me all about that.

2 A. They are very loud and they do a lot of  
3 banging.

4 Q. How much?

5 A. They do at least three times. I know  
6 they bang -- it's been my experience on the same  
7 street they bang at least three times. Then they  
8 scream what they are there for, search warrant or  
9 arrest warrant. They bang again and scream it  
10 again. And they bang it again and they scream it  
11 again and then they hit.

12 Q. All right. And these bangs, these are  
13 separated by time? Like bang, bang, bang, wait;  
14 bang, bang, bang, wait?

15 A. Yes. The knocking and they wait. They  
16 knock again, they are yelling search warrant or  
17 arrest warrant and then they hit.

18 Q. And that is the training that the  
19 Philadelphia Police Department provides, so you  
20 have to do that, right?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
22 form. Detective, if you know.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 BY MR. WEST:

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1 my purview. I don't feel comfortable doing  
2 that. That is their safety as well.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. Yes. Could you demonstrate for us  
5 how you do a knock and announce?

6 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection for the  
7 record. Go ahead, Detective.

8 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to  
9 demonstrate on the wall or the door over  
10 here or?

11 BY MR. WEST:

12 Q. Anywhere you like.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Just give the camera a moment. Okay.

15 A. To my knowledge, it's you go up to the  
16 door, they bang. Search warrant, search warrant.  
17 Bang, bang again, search warrant. And bang, bang  
18 again, search warrant. And then they hit it.

19 Q. Okay. How much time do you think just  
20 passed?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
22 form. But go ahead. If you can estimate,  
23 Detective, how much time just passed?

24 THE WITNESS: Five to seven seconds.

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1 BY MR. WEST:

2 Q. Okay. If it was six in the morning and  
3 you were in bed, do you think five to six seconds  
4 would be enough time for you to answer your door?

5 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection for the  
6 record. Detective, if you know, you can  
7 answer.

8 THE WITNESS: It would have woken me  
9 up. I have seen people answer the door in  
10 the past prior to them going in. But I  
11 think it's all about where you're sleeping  
12 in the house. But the knock and announce is  
13 really for that homeowner's safety as well.  
14 But I think it does put our guys in  
15 jeopardy.

16 But that being said, if you're on  
17 the third floor in the bedroom, back rear  
18 bedroom, you're not going to get down to the  
19 front to be able to open the door.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Okay. However, do you believe that five  
22 to six seconds would give someone inside of the  
23 house a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily open  
24 the door and surrender the premises?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
2 form of the question. Detective, you can  
3 answer.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, because I have  
5 seen it in the past.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. Could you get out of your bed and  
8 open the door within five to six seconds?

9 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
10 form. Detective, you can answer.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Okay. You said it puts your guys in  
14 danger, what do you mean by that?

15 A. Well, when you're knocking on the door  
16 and you're waking people up and you're telling  
17 them that you're coming in with a search warrant.  
18 And if you're -- if you have a gun, you will be  
19 able to have your gun be ready. If you have any  
20 type of evidence, you will have an opportunity to  
21 get rid of that evidence. Especially for the  
22 safety of the officers, because you're literally  
23 telling them we have a search warrant and you  
24 know, we are coming into that house.

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1 And that puts these guys in grave danger  
2 where we have had in the past couple years -- in  
3 fact, just a couple of months ago we had three  
4 officers shot, SWAT officers were shot. Luckily  
5 none of them were killed. But at least three of  
6 the officers were shot.

7 A couple of years ago we had another  
8 officer shot in the head and he was killed, SWAT  
9 officer. A year prior to that, six months prior  
10 to that, my -- good friend of mine's brother was  
11 shot in the head in his kevlar helmet. He was  
12 part of the SWAT Unit. So every time you knock on  
13 that door, you're telling somebody in there we are  
14 coming.

15 Q. Okay. And in your experience, is that a  
16 generally held view in the Philadelphia Police  
17 Department that the knock and announce places  
18 officers in danger?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
20 form of the question. Detective, to the  
21 extent that you know.

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MR. WEST: Okay. It's about 2:20.  
24 I'm not sure if I have more questions. I

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1 would like a chance to review my notes. Why  
2 don't we take like a 10 minute break?

3 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

4 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Going off the  
5 record at 2:16 p.m.

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7 (Whereupon, a brief recess was  
8 taken.)

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10 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Going back on  
11 the record at 2:21 p.m.

12 BY MR. WEST:

13 Q. Yeah, I just -- I don't have a lot more  
14 questions for you, Detective. But in the search  
15 warrant that you obtained, it was specifically for  
16 the second floor apartment, right?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
18 form. Detective?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. As you were doing your investigation in  
22 anticipation of the SWAT Unit enforcing this  
23 warrant, did you make any effort whatsoever to  
24 learn who was living on the first floor?



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1 A. I personally did not.

2 Q. Did -- is there anyone else who would  
3 have done that besides you?

4 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
5 form. Detective, if you know.

6 THE WITNESS: Maybe Detective Graf.  
7 He would have told me or we would have --  
8 let me see how I would have found that out.  
9 If they are registered -- we used to be able  
10 to look at voter registration. We are not  
11 allowed to look at that, we don't have that  
12 access anymore. That is how we used to find  
13 out. That is another way we would have  
14 found out who is living there. But other  
15 than that, no.

16 BY MR. WEST:

17 Q. But so far as you're aware, prior to Ms.  
18 Alvarado's front door being breached on June 4th,  
19 2021, related to this warrant enforcement action,  
20 no effort was made by the Philadelphia Police  
21 Department to figure out who was living on the  
22 first floor, correct?

23 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
24 form. Again, Detective, if you know.

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1 THE WITNESS: That is -- from my  
2 knowledge, that's correct.

3 BY MR. WEST:

4 Q. Okay. What, if any, effort did you make  
5 to learn where the first floor apartment was  
6 physically located?

7 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
8 form. Detective, if you know, understand,  
9 answer.

10 THE WITNESS: Just through my  
11 experience that would have been on the first  
12 floor.

13 BY MR. WEST:

14 Q. Okay. So because it's the first floor  
15 apartment, you knew it was on the first floor,  
16 right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Besides that, did you make any effort to  
19 try to learn where that apartment was physically  
20 located?

21 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
22 Detective, you can answer again.

23 THE WITNESS: No.

24 MR. WEST: Okay. I don't believe

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1 that I have any further questions for you.

2 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Just one question  
3 just for -- I think to make the record  
4 absolutely clear.

5 - - -

6 EXAMINATION

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8 BY MR. ZURBRIGGEN:

9 Q. Detective, you were asked a question  
10 about -- I think this was marked. It's Graf-6,  
11 these notes. Had you seen these before the  
12 warrant was executed on June 4th, 2021?

13 A. No.

14 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Okay. That's all I  
15 have, Keith, unless you have any follow-up  
16 on that.

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18 EXAMINATION

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20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Yeah. I guess my follow-up would be, do  
22 you think it would be a good idea if you guys  
23 started coordinating with the Probation and Parole  
24 Office to try to share information?

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1 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: I would love to share  
3 information with the probation department.  
4 But they seem not to be very shareable with  
5 us, in my opinion.

6 BY MR. WEST:

7 Q. Okay. Do you believe that if you had  
8 asked information about [REDACTED] at the time  
9 that he was a homicide suspect from the Probation  
10 and Parole Office, they would have refused to  
11 provide you that information?

12 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
13 form of the record -- question. Detective,  
14 if you know, you can answer.

15 THE WITNESS: I believe if it came  
16 to having them come into the office for us  
17 to make an arrest there, for one of his  
18 appointments, then yes, I think they would  
19 deny us that ability. Because that's been  
20 done in the past. But I also -- their  
21 reasoning I understand. But we are also --  
22 we have a job to do as well.

23 But in my opinion, for us to gain  
24 the information that is on this sheet, they

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1 would have to give us this. And they -- I  
 2 don't believe they would give us this. You  
 3 know, we would love to have all of the  
 4 information we possibly could from  
 5 everybody. But there might be some type of  
 6 confidentiality issue with getting this type  
 7 of report given to us. So that is something  
 8 that would have to be done with probation  
 9 and parole.

10 BY MR. WEST:

11 Q. What --

12 A. But I've never seen this. I've only seen  
 13 this at the juvenile level. But I've never seen  
 14 at the adult level.

15 Q. What confidentiality would apply to the  
 16 probation records of a homicide suspect?

17 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Objection to the  
 18 form. Detective, if you know the ins and  
 19 outs of confidentiality, go for it.

20 BY MR. WEST:

21 Q. Are you aware -- let me rephrase the  
 22 question.

23 Are you aware of any confidentiality rule  
 24 that would prevent a homicide detective from

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1 But in all my time, many years, I've  
 2 never been offered something like this. But  
 3 as a confidentiality, I just assume that is  
 4 why they don't want us to come to their  
 5 place and -- to make an arrest in their  
 6 building.

7 BY MR. WEST:

8 Q. I wrote a note -- not to ask you the same  
 9 question, I just can't find my note. Just remind  
 10 me again, how many years have you been a homicide  
 11 detective?

12 A. 18.

13 Q. Okay. In the 18 years that you have been  
 14 a homicide detective with the Philadelphia Police  
 15 Department, have you ever specifically requested  
 16 from the Probation and Parole Office the records  
 17 of the home inspection of a suspect who had been  
 18 on probation?

19 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Object to the form  
 20 of the question. Detective, you can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Not all of our  
 22 homicide suspects are on probation. But  
 23 those that have been, I never asked for  
 24 that.

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1 gaining access to the probation records of a  
 2 homicide suspect?

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: Same objection.  
 4 Detective, go for it.

5 THE WITNESS: I have never been --  
 6 confidentiality, I believe that they  
 7 would -- I don't know what their policies  
 8 are. So I can't comment on what their  
 9 policy is. But if the information that we  
 10 requested in the past or I have never --  
 11 they never said here, I have this whole --  
 12 every contact with this person. They never  
 13 offered this report or anything like this.

14 Normally our conversation is, you  
 15 know, does come to see you; is there any  
 16 warrants for him. And what would -- you  
 17 know, I already know -- at that point I  
 18 already know what address they use, because  
 19 it's on their -- on the computer checks  
 20 through the probation department. But these  
 21 are notes -- these are specific notes that  
 22 probably goes to the next probation officer  
 23 so they knew when to go -- how to go to the  
 24 house.

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1 MR. WEST: Okay. No further  
 2 questions.

3 MR. ZURBRIGGEN: And just while we  
 4 are on the record, just to designate, at  
 5 least until we can figure out what is going  
 6 on with Mr. [REDACTED] I will designate the  
 7 portions of the record as confidential under  
 8 the confidentiality order, unless and until  
 9 we modify that.

10 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Okay. Going  
 11 off the record at 2:29 p.m.

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13 (Whereupon, the videotaped  
 14 deposition concluded at 2:29 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATION  
2 -----  
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4 I hereby certify that the  
5 proceedings and evidence noted are contained  
6 fully and accurately in the notes taken by  
7 me on the deposition of the above matter,  
8 and that this is a correct transcript of the  
9 same.

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12 DENISE WELLER

13 Shorthand Reporter  
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